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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1624, July 5-11, 2012

Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Fri 0329v	WWRB	5050	[confirmed]
Sat 0130v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB Area 51	[confirmed at 0135
Sat 0630	HLR	7265	Hamburger Lokal Radio [special again]
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0500	WRMI	9955	
Mon 1130	WRMI	9955	
Tue 0930	HLR	5980	Hamburger Lokal Radio
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or maybe 1625 if ready in time]

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** ABKHAZIA. 9535, Avtoradio. In Russian (net FM radio in Russia) with ID in Russian and playing the song "Every Breath You Take" sung by the group called Police at 0813 on 22/6 after end of program of Abkhaz radio in vernacular and Russian (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 9655, 1634-, KNLS, Jun 15. S9 + 30 reception with Russian program, with address given in Anchor Point and St. Petersburg, Russia (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9655, July 5 at 0846, good signal in Russian, ``This is my father`s world``, into gospel rock in English; KNLS as in their schedule, Russian this hour, unlike HFCC which shows Chinese-Mandarin (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. EDWIN SOUTHWELL writes with a quick note to highlight a new feature heard on R. Tirana on Tuesdays since 29 May from 2012 UT

on 7465. He says that he is not sure of the programme title due to static and noise, but is something like ìHistorical Features of Albaniaî or ìAlbania History Through the Centuryî. //Thanks, Edwin! (Alan Roe, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. ?? Emissor Provincial do Moxico ?? 1458 Luena ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1843-1847. Portuguese, OM with a (sounds like) football commentary, but really unreadable. Euro-African MW Guide lists Angola. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

?? Emissor Provincial do Uige ?? 1296 Uige ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1835-1839. OM's talking, sounds Portuguese but unreadable. Euro-African MW Guide lists Angola. I have not heard this one in Jo'burg before. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

R·dio Nacional, 1088 Mulvenos. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1753-1803. Portuguese, OM talking. ID by odd frequency of 1088 kHz and at 1800 "R·dio Nacional de Angola", into news ?? read by YL. Have never logged this one before from Jo'burg. Poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 12180, University Network (presumed); 2234, 22-June; Harmonic Dead Dr. Gene. weak 2 x 6090 harmonic; // 6090, SIO=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, June 28 at 1327, no signal from LRA36, in my roughly monthly Thursday chex in case it ever come back. Note: a previous non-log of this published in DSWCI SW News as if I had heard it, has not been corrected despite my request to do so (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA [and non]. Re: Radio Boa Vontade - 6160 kHz --- Intento escucharla en este momento (1628 UT), pero imposible. El splatter de LRA en 6060 es tan monstruoso, que barre toda la banda. Ni puedo escuchar a SarandÌ en 6045. Con eso est· todo dicho. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, June 30, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

** ARMENIA. See SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

** ASIA [non]. USA: RADIO FREE ASIA COMMEMORATES THE 2012 LONDON OLYMPICS JULY 2012

Radio Free Asia announces its 46th QSL card scheduled for distribution for all confirmed reception reports dated July-August 2012. This QSL card commemorates the 2012 Summer Olympiad in London, England which

will be held July 27 through August 12, 2012. The Games have always brought people from around the world together in peace to respect universal moral principles.

The card shows an adaptation of the graphic of Radio Free Asiaís Olympic pin, as created b y RFAís Brian Powell, which was originally used for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. [a panda] This latest version adds a bearskin which is traditionally worn by the British Foot Guards.

Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl (@) rfa.org, and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports
Radio Free Asia
2025 M. Street NW,
Suite 300
Washington DC
20036
United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker. Best wishes from all of us at RFA.
Thx AJ
AJ Janitschek
Radio Free Asia
(Via @yimbergaviria, June 29, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. AMATEUR NET --- We got more amateurs in this club; well, why not an amateur net? Say (now this is me, 7140 0930 on Sundays starting 15th July 0930 UT on 7140 kHz. Howzat?!!!! Say hello and also give your ARDXC membership number)! I want to hear this as a shortwave listener! (Johno Wright, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Re: ABC Alice Springs 4835, the reports are coming in. A listener in South Australia complains he canít hear 2310 now and his radio wonít tune 4835 - usually itís the other way around. No one in the target zone (0-400 km) has reported.

RAN [Royal Australian Navy] in Indian Ocean love it. Several ships listened to State of Origin 2 (for the benefit of non-believers, NSW vs Queensland Rugby League match -craig seager. ed.) last night after someone gave the frequency to defcommsta@...

Now standing at 3 reports from Finland & Sweden, 4 from Japan & one from Argentina. Not bad for two weeks. The end point is 14 October 2012 or sooner if any serious issues arise. Iíll register 4835 for

24/7 and the original two-frequency operation in B12 to cover bases at ITU-R (Nigel Holmes, 14 June, RA Transmission Manager, July Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia not heard on 21740 and 19000 at 0000 on July 3/4/5. On July 3 both frequencies were back up around 0020, but not the next two days. Online schedule still shows these; maintenance/problems? Not propagation related, AFAIK (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, UT July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST

In line with Steve's observations, I've also noted a significant drop in signal strength the last few days on 9580 and 11945 in the morning. 9580, in fact, was below the noise floor this morning to the extent I was not even sure it was RA that I was hearing.

No sign of RA on 15515 or 15160 either tonight where both have been giving good results most nights. Propagation is likely not an issue as RNZI is putting a +20 signal into my QTH as I type this (0425 UT, 5 July). No reception on 15515 or 15160. RA back up on 15515, 15240 and 15160, all with S9 signals, as of 0437 UT (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ibid.)

John, at 0456 UT I am hearing Radio Australia cochannel with CRI. CRI dropped just before 0457 leaving a weakish RA in the clear. Now RA dropped as well leaving the frequency open on 15160 (Walt in Victoria, BC, Salmaniw, ibid.)

To bring things full circle, I heard RA this morning on both 9580 and 11945 at 1210 UT, the only anomalous bit being that reception on 9580 was better than that on 11945 which is the opposite of what my experience has been for some time now.

As for last night, Walt, both 15515 and 15160 were back on when I checked around 0440 UT. Neither had been there a half hour earlier. (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, July 5, ibid.)

** BELGIUM [non]. 6085, 0655 UT 18 June, Pur Radio Broadcasting Network, via Kall. Sounded like ``from Frankfurt``, back to pops, late time signal English ID, news in German, SIO 454 (David Morris, Dorset, HF Logbook, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

6085, 0920 20 June, Pur R1, Belgium, via Kall, Germany, ``Hello Europe`` program, German, SIO 243 (Dave Kenny, England, ibid.)

** BELGIUM [non]. DX-ANTWERP ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM NOW ONLINE

Dear listeners, reception report contributors and co-operators,
Fifty days are gone sine DX-Antwerp was airing its shortwave program

commemorating our 30th anniversary. It was pretty [nice] to compile such a program. Afterwards going through all the reception reports was a huge job, but it was also very interesting, to see how addicted shortwave listeners can be. Even in a decade when there are a lot of other media taking over from shortwave broadcasting.

While it seems the mailbox isnít attracting new mails anymore besides spam, we think it is the right time to put our broadcast online. You can find it here:
http://goo.gl/xi0PH

It might be that it isnít possible to play it directly in your browser while this is a large file. In that case, please click on the download button in the upper right corner and play it afterwards directly on your computer.

As a result, while the program is now online, it means that we will no longer verify new reception reports. We donít want fake reports J

Besides this audio file, we can also present a few interesting statistics:

We received 146 reports from 36 countries. As expected Germany was leading with 21 reports, but a nice surprise was that weíve got 16 reports from India. You can see a diagram with detailed figures at http://www.dx-antwerp.com

19 reports were about the DRM transmissions. 11 from Europe, 3 from North America, 2 from Asia (I know there was one more DRM listener in India but he didnít send a report) and 1 from South America.

30 reports were coming via regular mail to the TDP mailbox.

It was also interesting to see how long it took to deliver a priority airmail envelope to the different sides of the globe. We were very pleased to see that a lot of DXers took the effort to inform us that their QSL arrived and send us a of thank you mails. In Europe, most QSLs arrived 2 or 3 days after posting. In North America our envelopes where at their destination at least within a week. But we never thought that it would take that long to deliver a QSL to countries in the Indian subcontinent. The range for these destinations was between 2 and 4 weeks. Although we have to add that some of the QSLs were misrouted by the postal services to Jakarta, Indonesia, instead of to India.

We have also counted the receivers and receiver types. There were 64 portables, 52 communications receivers, 12 SDR radios, 4 stand alone DRM receivers and there was one self made project. 13 DXers didnít

mention what kind of receiver they were using.

The Top 13 of the receivers looks as follows :

Receiver	Number
Degen DE1103 - Kaito KA-1103	15
ICOM IC-R75	7
Perseus	7
Tecsun PL-660	7
AOR AR7030 plus	5
Sangean ATS-909	5
Sony ICF 2001 D/2010	5
Sony ICF SW 7600 GR	5
JRC NRD-525	4
JRC NRD-535D	4
SONY-ICF SW 77	3
JRC NRD-545	2
SANGEAN ATS 818	2

All other kind of receivers were only represented by one single type.

So, thatís about all we can tell about the aftermath of our special anniversary program. We hope you liked it and maybe weíll meet again in 10 years from now. 73, DX-Antwerp. (Guido Schotmans, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

re: ``DX Antwerp received 136 reports from 35 countries for our special anniversary broadcast May 12``

Looking at the chart on their website June 27, the number of reports is at 143 from 36 countries, 28 via regular mail. 21 reports from Germany, 17 from USA, 15 from India, 8 from Japan, Netherlands, 7 from Ukraine, 5 from Austria, Belgium, UK, and Venezuela. There were 19 DRM reports. In DXLD, Partha Sarathi Goswani found that when the number of DRM reports was 16; only 2 listeners were using standalone receivers, the rest software (Mike Barraclough, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

First version from DXA started ``Filthy days``, tnx to an overconfident spell-checker, instead of fifty, ha2, and this got published uncorrected in another DX-bulletin (gh, DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6034.74, BBS, 1407-1502, June 30. In vernacular and English. Several times today heard the same indigenous instrumental theme music as heard on BBS on 5030 back on Dec 15. From 1427 to 1458 YL chatting on the phone with different people; 1458 theme music and seemed to be an ID in English; into assume the news in English as reported by Victor; poor. Recorded some music (MP3) and posted at

https://www.box.com/s/edda9641bba2a7f7c3bf
Must be full power now; strong enough to overpower PBS Yunnan (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Everyone, 6035, Bhutan BS, booming in at the moment, 1848 UT; can only say PRESUMED as cannot get web link to work and no ID, yet (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Mark, I can receive it well now in Japan. And it is the same as a sound of BBS-TV.
http://www.bbs.bt/news/video-wan.html
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, 1933 UT June 30, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, ?? Bhutan Broadcasting Service ?? 6035 Thimphu ?? June 30, 2012. Saturday. 1920-1940. Thanks to tip-off from Mark Davies in dxld Digest 4667, I am surprised to be hearing what I presume is the same one. Very nice Chinesey music with YL singing, no talk, which EiBi tells me should be in Dzonkha language. Very poor, but at least it is audible. Propagation is doing strange things in my part of the world this weekend, I have had several long-range surprises so far. Jo'burg sunset 1527. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not sure what time went off, back at the radio, now 1956 and no sign of them; Perhaps others know (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBS Chukha FM 100 MHz returned on 29th June possibly Hydel power water routing canal cleaning left it without power for few days as every year. // Bhutan on 6035 kHz also strong now seems in full 50 kW power (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, 0641 UT July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

July 1 found BBS was either off the air or back to running reduced power; random checking from 1258 to 1407 heard no het at all; nothing on 6034.74; only heard what sounded like the usual PBS Yunnan on 6035.0. Completely different from yesterday`s positive BBS reception that overpowered PBS Yunnan (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

Hi Everyone, Big signal again tonight, BBS, 6035, 1900 UT local music Again cannot get the web stream to give audio! (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, July 3, ibid.)

Hi Mark, Did you note Sei-ichi's earlier (June 30) posting to you? The audio streaming worked fine for me today.
Per Sei-ichi: http://www.bbs.bt/news/video-wan.html
(Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif., ibid.)

Hi Ron, Yes, this link works fine. Not sure about the other one I was using; it looks different also. Thanks (Mark, ibid.)

Yes, - easily to check against web livestream. Some peaks seen and heard on that channel. BBS Bhutan wandering around 6034.997 down to x.990 kHz, and accompanied by annoying hum audio, peaks on 147 and 544 Hertz away at 1935 UT July 3. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

6035, 03/Jul 1937, Bhutan BS (Tentative), in DZ (listed by Eibi). Local music. The same song also in a radio remote in Tai Po, NT, Hong Kong, via Global Tuners. Very weak signal, but the music is audible. Buzz in the modulation. Yes, the same audio on the link:
http://www.bbs.bt/news/video-wan.html
At 2000 OM talk. Signal degrading (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, ibid.)

** BIAFRA [non]. A recent reply from Radio Biafra, London said they welcome all comments via their website
http://www.radiobiafralondon.com
More English programmes will be broadcast in due course
(Allen Dean, Burnley, UK, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, R. Mosoj Chaski, 0114 end of canned announcement by W in Quechua, then canned ID promo by M, and into nice campo instrumental music bridge and another announcement. Long discussion by W and girl. Campo vocal song with children singing at 0125, rustic music bridge and live W announcer. 0129:10 nice full canned ID with mention of 90 meters by M, then ID promo. IDs as just "Mosoj Chaski", no "radio". Deadair at 0131-0138 and off. Good signal tonight on decent Andean opening. (27 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Muy buena seÒal de RADIO SANTA CRUZ, de la localidad homÛnima por los 6134.828 kHz, siendo las 0015 UT en momentos que dan las alineaciones de los equipos de f˙tbol Oriente Petrolero y Blooming que se enfrentar·n en el estadio RamÛn Aguilera Costas por la Copa Aerosur, con los comentarios de Jaime Vega Montes. Dirige el arbitro Orozco. SINFO=45434. Receptor Icom R75 con antena dipolo simple y Bal˙n Walmar 1:1 de 1 Kw (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, UT July 4, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6154.93, Radio Fides, 0020-0036, June 28, Spanish talk. Spanish pop music. Weak but readable. Covered by India at a late 0036 sign on. // 11620. Noted India next night, June 29, at their normal 0014 sign on, ruining any chance to hear Bolivia (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BONAIRE. Last night I was googling around to find more information about the closing of the RNW Bonaire relay in October 2012. I did not find any but came across 2 interesting articles about the renovation of the station in 2006-2007. These I share with you below.
The First one is an article dealing with the antenna matrix switches build by Siemens.
http://www.automation.siemens.com/wcmsnewscenter/details.aspx?xml=/content/10001666/en/gc/Pages/ideas-0803-S22-Shortwave-transmitter.xml&xsl=publication-en-www4.xsl

And the second one is from Andy Sennitt found in the RNW archives telling all about the renovation plans.
http://static.rnw.nl/migratie/www.radionetherlands.nl/features/media/bon060518-redirected
Hope this is of use to you all (Jan Oosterveen, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

"From July 1, Bonaire will broadcast a one-hour Spanish language programme, La Matinal, to Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico and the rest of the Caribbean. Dutch-language transmissions to Surinam will also continue for the time being. From October 28, RNW will hire airtime from another - as yet unknown - broadcaster. The Bonaire relay station will then be dismantled. All that will remain is a field."
http://www.rnw.nl/english/video/farewell-rnws-shortwave-broadcasts-bonaire
(via Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

Nowadays it's really two different activities - the production of programming and the transmission of programming. RNW has somewhat been the exception for western European broadcasters in that they still owned their transmitter facilities; RFI, DW, and the BBC have sold them outright or have outsourced their operations while retaining ownership. REE and RV still own theirs; I don't know about RDP.

The attractiveness of Bonaire as a relay site (to North America) was further weakened by the CBC's decision to shutter Sackville. BBC and DW had already made the decision to close the Antigua relay site. Meanwhile, South American audiences can be served by MontsinÈry and Ascension, and it would appear there is enough transmitter-hour capacity available from these locations to satisfy available demand. If I were in the business of selling transmitter time, particularly to the Americas, Europe, and ANZ, I think I'd be looking for another line of work.

It would take a significant political disruption and a significant Internet disruption for this trend to reverse, sadly. It would seem that SWLs intent on catching radio countries are going to have to become ham radio listeners (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. Voice of America relay, 909 Selebi-Phikwe // 4930 Selebi-Phikwe. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1722-1723. 'Studio Seven' in Shona. Fair but buzzy, local (Joburg) QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. Radio Botswana: 945 Gabarone // 1215 Mahalapye. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1723-1725. SeTswana, YL talking. Fair but buzzy Joburg QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

531 Maun // 1215. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1859-1904. SeTswana. Afro music, followed by news at 1900. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

621 Selebi Phikwi // 1215 Mahalapye. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1702-1706. SeTswana, OM talking, into afro music at 1705. Buzzy, local (Jo'burg) QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

1071 Jwaneng // 621, 1215. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1751-1753. SeTswana, OM talking, church bells in background. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

1215 Mahalapye // 621 Selebi Phikwe. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1822-1825. SeTswana, with afro music and group singing. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

1350 Tsabong. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1839-1842. Afro music, but unreadable. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

558 Muchenje // 1215. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1912-1914. Afro music. Fair, but 1215 is better. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Botswana: 693 Shakawe. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1721-1722. Missing from my medium wave trawl on June 28, and still missing. AWOL. // 1215 from Mahalapye in loud and clear. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

873 Gansti. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1535-1544. Missing from my medium wave trawl on June 28. On now, albeit poor, with afro music. Poor, still early. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

1215 Mahalapye. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1818-1824. SeTswana, afro music with YL singing. Superb signal, armchair listening. If it holds up, I might re-visit later and go to sleep with this one. Jo'burg sunset 1528 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. New edition of the Brazilian medium wave list --- It's out!
http://www.ondascurtas.com/listaom
Enjoy (Rocco Cotroneo, Rio de Janeiro, July 5, HCDX via DXLD)

Miss the true G.E. locations data, taken from any ITU/Brazilian Government registration list?? 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. QSL: Brasile, R¡DIO CULTURA DO AMAZONAS, Manaus, 4845 kHz, (1.4.2012), E-QSL in 3 giorni. E-rpt con registrazione MP3 inviato a: radiocultura @ hotmail.com (tnx info R. Pavanello!). V/s: Terezinha PatrÌcia (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4865, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul. Coming in rather well 1110, Portuguese talks. Propagates more like a Peruvian than Brazil, due to extreme westerly location, 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

4878, R. Difusora Roraima, Boa Vista. Presumed to be this in Portuguese at 1004 on 14/6 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), July Australian DX News via DXLD).

¶ Vocal piece 1014, fair & a bit of crud on the channel, 30/6. A new one for me (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, ibid.)

4885, R. Difusora Acreana, Rio Branco. Portuguese ID at 0954, 14/6 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

¶ Quite exceptional strength 0803, mentions of Rio Branco, RondÙnia etc., TC. Virtually word-perfect on 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, ibid.)

5035, R. Aparecida. Not strong, but discernible 0648 with slow-paced music. Not heard all that often here, 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

11815, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia. Very poor with Brazilian music at 0411, 6/6 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

¶ 2304-2332 20/6, program of Brazilian pop vocals with Portuguese talk. Several jingle IDs noted with formal canned ID and frequency announcements at 2324 (Richard A. DíAngelo, Wyomissing, PA U.S.A. (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4), ibid.)

¶ Soccer commentary 2052, usual excited goal scoring antics, quite good 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. Radio Novo Tempo, 4895 kHz --- Entrando muy bien por Montevideo, casi como si estuviera en 49m. Mejor que Brasil Central en 4985 y casi como Aparecida en 5035. (2344 UT). 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, 2348 UT July 1, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

Con anterioridad a esto, ya habÌa recibido otro mensaje de los administradores de Radio Novo Tempo de Campo Grande, MS, en ocasiÛn de subir un video con una captaciÛn en 4895 kHz (dicho sea de paso, ayer estaba llegando muy bien por ac·). Este es el tipo de sorpresas y satisfacciones que aun en esta Època de retroceso, te sigue dando este hobby. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Good signal in Montevideo yesterday (and today) on 4895 kHz from Campo Grande, Matto Grosso do Sul, Brazil:
http://youtu.be/GCx8s4J0KEs
73 from Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

BRASIL: 4894.938 kHz, 04.07.12, 0120 UT, Radio Novo Tempo, Campo Grande "Grande sucesso na sua programaÁ„o". Jingle: "Novo Tempo" (voz femenina). SINFO=25232. Rx: Icom R-75; Antena: Dipolo simple con bal˙n Walmar 1:1 1 kW (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

Had it been inactive? Not reported for quite a while till now (gh)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL: 6000, R·dio GuaÌba, Porto Alegre. Commercial ads at 1912. Hour tops at 1915. Program "BalanÁo da tarde". Solid signal as usual.

6105, R·dio Cultura FiladÈlfia, Foz do IguaÁu, ID by OM at 1859. Weak signal + fading. Splash from CRI on 6110. [500 kW, 292 degrees from Xi`an in Russian per HFCC]

6160, R·dio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre. Religious talks at 1902 + music. Low audio as usual. ID at 1903 (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 3, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Radio Boa Vontade, 6160 kHz --- Now active with religious music. ID at 2012 with fq announcement only in 31 mb. Wait for Youtube video of this catch. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, June 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

First time I can catch Boa Vontade in this frequency. Note in the ID (at 01:46) the only frequency announced is ZYE854 on 9550 kHz, the best in for my reception. 11895 in the mornings in CX land is very

difficult to hear due a QRM from adjacent frequencies. I put a video in Youtube some time ago:
http://youtu.be/-Ihwcpt0OsI
http://youtu.be/DvL1KvQw2Ds
73 de CX2ABP (Tizzi, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

R·dio Super Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, reativa TX 49 m, 6160 kHz. SINPO 33333. TambÈm ativos 9550 kHz 31m e 11895 kHz 25m. Escuta 15:31 hora local Novo Hamburgo-RS, distante ‡ 25 km do parque de transmissıes na cidade de Esteio-RS (Edison Bocorny Jr., 28 June, radioescutas yg via DXLD) = 1831 UT

Hace como una hora y media la escuchÈ mejor en 11895. Se ve que le pasaron un trapito a los transmisores. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, 1924 UT June 30, condiglist yg via DXLD) See ARGENTINA

** BRAZIL. 6180, June 30 at 0459 past 0500, RNA transmits a big humbuzz and no programming; same on // 11780. 6180 carrier is wavering with flutter too. Harold Seller reports both were still just buzz at 0618 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

6180 & 11780, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 0618 June 30, just a loud buzz on both frequencies (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non] 9654.40 [sic: should be 9645.40, I think --- gh], 0310-, R·dio Bandeirantes, Jun 17. Fair to good reception in a Latin vocal, and cochannel Romania on 9645.0 at good level in English, so had to use LSB for RRI and USB for the Brazilian. RRI was also heard on 11795 and 11895. The former at very good level, while the latter was only fair to good (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11925.25, R. Bandeirantes. Lucky to catch full canned ID by M at 0103 as I tuned in, followed by promo. Fairly readable this evening. R. Brasil Central 11815 not on. (27 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. This past week, silence here on 11815, not just trace signal. Have Radio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, abandoned this? (Derek Lynch, Ireland, 0022 UT June 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s been a lot longer since I have heard it, in the nightmiddle around 0500 when propagation coˆperated, but thought it might still be on elsewhen. See reports above of 6/6, 20/6 and 30/6 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hearing it back on 11815 thru night again (Derek Lynch, July 5, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 15191.47, R. InconfidÍncia. After being on frequency 15190 for a few days, found this back up here at 0008 with good signal. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

BRASIL: 15191.5, R·dio InconfidÍncia; 2134-2145+, 27-June; Commentary to camp'o tunes at 2136; Noticiero promo at 2140+ into 1 minute news by M&W & back to camp'o [sic] tunes. ID at 2145. All in Portuguese. SIO=2+53- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15191.24 approx., June 30 at 0129, poor signal with pop music, no doubt R. InconfidÍncia off-frequency again. At 0518 it`s audible with music in the absence of Bata, now split right between 15191 and 15192 at 15191.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1240, 1002-, CKMK, Jun 15. ID as Prince George's 99.3, The Drive. Good at times, but sometimes fading down to almost nothing. I was checking for CFNI from Port Hardy, which was heard earlier in the evening (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 560, 1000-, CHTK (not), Jun 15. Since I was last here over Christmas, CHTK has definitely moved to FM (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

560 CHTK gone --- In case anyone was wondering, while I was in Masset, BC, checked for 560 CHTK from Prince Rupert and they were gone. Over Christmas/New Year's they ID'd with an FM frequency, so sometime between then and now, they pulled the AM plug. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, July 3, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks, Walt, for passing this along. They used to be fairly regular back a few years. Is Terrace 590 still on the air? They are rare here. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Yes, Patrick. I should have mentioned that 590 is still on the air as usual. 73, (Walt, ibid.)

Thanks, Walt. 590 is real DX here. I have only heard them a time or

two. I do have them QSL'd and that wasn't easy either. 73 (Patrick, ibid.)

** CANADA. 1140, July 3 at 0557 UT, as I was trying to sort out the Spanish [see MEXICO], a brief surge brings in an full ID from AM 1140, CHRB, High River, Alberta. Maybe new here, but with 46 kW night power should not be unusual, except: night pattern has zero signal south, all of it in a tangent circle northward per NRC Pattern Book of a few years ago. I don`t think we can believe such patterns from CHRB, nor XEMR all southward. High River is just SSE of Calgary which I assume is the only reason such a small town would merit such a big station (50 kW non-direxional day) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6944.953, 0524-, Radio True North, Jun 16. Superb reception at S9 + 10 levels with rock music. At 0526 DJ thanks Jean for the vinyl. Also friends on Vancouver Island are thanked. Post to FRN or Free Radio Cafe, Ian's Pirate chat room. Raining with miserable weather on Vancouver Island. I wonder who they might be? The weather is also quite horrible up here in Masset! No other pirate activity seen tonight (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. QSL da Radio Canada International --- Ricevuta in 6 giorni la lettera QSL da *Radio Canada International* ascoltata il 24 giugno scorso nella sua ultima edizione del programma "_Maple Leaf Mailbag_" in lingua inglese da/Sackville/ sui/*15235 kHz*/. Ricevuti inoltre un adesivo ed un segnalibro.
Qui potete ascoltare gli ultimi cinque minuti registrati: file audio
<https://www.box.net/shared/486a15496f74ba7b52ee>
(Roberto Rizzardi, SWL I/0216/GR, Porto S. Stefano (GR) Italy, July 4, bclnews.it yg VIA dxld)

** CANADA. CBC PODCAST ON THE SUBJECT OF SHORTWAVE CUTS AND REGIONAL BROADCASTING

24 minutes long - Interview includes emotional chat with "former" director of Radio Canada International. A brilliant listen:
http://www.cbc.ca/allpointswest/2012/06/27/uvic-quidditch-search-and-rescue-and-cbc-cuts/
(Colin - Newell, Editor - http://www.dxer.ca Victoria B.C. Canada VA7WWV, June 28, HCDX via DXLD)

Radio part starts at 17 minutes in, about cancellation of CBC`s `Dispatches`, leading into RCI (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. KILLING CBC SHORTWAVE SERVICE WAS SHORTSIGHTED
http://www.torontosun.com/2012/06/28/killing-cbc-shortwave-service-was-shortsighted?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=recommend-

button&utm_campaign=Killing%20CBC%20shortwave%20service%20was%20shortsighted

First posted: Monday, July 02, 2012 08:00 PM EDT [sic]

The chipping away at Canada continues apace.

Radio Canada Internationalís shortwave service was, quite literally, Canadaís voice to the world for nearly 70 years ó through wars, through triumphs and disasters, through it all. It has been part of our history. And, now, itís gone.

The shortwave service started in 1942. Prime Minister Mackenzie King said it would help to keep our soldiers connected with what was going on back home. For our armed forces members in uniform ó then and now ó RCI became an easy way to stay in touch with Canada and Canadians.

Similarly, the service became a means by which we could subtly promote democracy, and the Canadian way of life, in far-flung corners of the world. In places like China, Russia and North Korea ó where the Internet can be censored, but shortwave canít be ó RCI was heard by many. In post-Communist Eastern Europe, shortwave radio receivers are still the way in which many receive news from the outside world.

I know this from experience. When I was an election observer in Bosnia in 1996, billeted with a Serbian family, I was glued to my tiny shortwave radio at night. Iíd listen to the Stanley Cup playoffs, and the news from back home, and I was always pretty grateful that RCI existed.

Our allies ó the U.S., Britain, Germany, France and Australia ó have all expanded their national shortwave service.

In Canada, meanwhile, weíve killed it.

The Harper regime, which has taken a chainsaw to the CBC in recent months, is ultimately to blame for this short-sighted decision. They will say that government needs to tighten its belt, and theyíre mostly right about that.

But getting rid of RCIís shortwave service is pennywise and pound foolish. In all, keeping RCI on-air would have cost about 35 cents a year, per Canadian. In comparative terms, itís as much as it cost taxpayers to rent a couple of panda bears from China for zoos in Toronto and Calgary. Or, itís a fifth of the cost of building gazebos in Tony Clementís riding and fake lakes for the G8/G20 summit.

Meanwhile, KPMG did a study on RCI, and found it was the most efficient ó that is, cost-effective ó broadcaster of its type in the

world.

Why should you care? Does it matter? It matters. Billion-dollar fighter jets and super jails, before a pittance for a radio station that promoted democracy and decency around the world? The idiots who came up with this outrageous decision should all be fired.

Perhaps you didnít notice the death of RCI because you have access to lots of media here in Canada, or because you donít ever need to tune in to shortwave radio. But to people around the world ó to our men and women in uniform ó the death of RCI wonít go unnoticed.

In small but undeniable ways, the Conservatives are chipping away at the very notion of what Canada was, and what it is. Killing off RCI was thoughtless, it was ideological, and it was done without any appreciation of our history or our shared culture. In a very real way, the Harper Cons are denuding us of the things that make us uniquely Canadian.

To ourselves, and to the world.

(By Warren Kinsella, Toronto Sun Opinion Columnist, via Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, June 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD; also via Bill Patalon III, Doug Copeland)

How ironic; Look at what's happening at WNYC's "Studio 360"
http://www.fastcodesign.com/1670180/a-deft-rebranding-of-canada-tackles-its-hazy-identity-abroad
http://www.studio360.org/2012/jun/29/canada-the-winning-slogan/
73 (Andy Lawendel, Italy, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio Canada International. A video of the last ether
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzDxpH5ntbQ&feature=plcp
(Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine / ìdeneb-radio-dxî via RusDX July 1 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 9555, June 28 at 0537, RCI IS with French and English IDs alternating is playing after the closedown at 0528 of the Voice of Vietnam relay. Perhaps for old times` sake? Very good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. Exchange RCI-KBS. Yesterday came across endless RCI interval signal played over and over again, in 1100-1159 UT slot on 9570 from Kimjae-Korea relay. Registered for RCI Mandarin Chinese service. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC APPLIES FOR NORTHERN QUEBEC REPEATERS

The CBC has applied for five 50 watt FM repeaters in Northern Quebec to rebroadcast the programming of CFFB Iqaluit.
https://services.crtc.gc.ca/pub/instances-proceedings/Default-Defaut.aspx?S=O&PA=B&PT=A&PST=A&Lang=eng
I wonder if this has anything to do with the impending closure of 9625 CBCNQ? (Andy Reid, Ont., June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looks to me like the proverbial bandaid over the weeping, gaping wound (John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

Yes, I agree. How can they justify a handful of 50 W FM transmitters to cover an area that one 100 kW shortwave transmitter can cover?? Sure, in town it will make a great improvement, but what about hunting trips or fishing trips? One should ask how far these 50 W relays will be of interest them [sic].

This may seem like a silly question but I assume that the shortwave frequency to Labrador of CBC Radio One will continue as its transmitter is in Newfoundland rather than New Brunswick? (Robert Wilson, ibid.) CKZN 6160; nothing to do with RCI situation (gh)

** CANADA. After getting lots of MEXICO [q.v.] earlier in the day, my antenna is still aimed south when at 0251 UT June 29 some channel 2 video briefly locks in with a map of Canada, and SALE. Assuming this is not about Mexican shoes (``Mexico walks on Canada``), I rotate to north where weak signals are better.

0316 on 2, weather maps fade in with temps in the 20s, including Brandon, so I know it`s my regular CKND-TV-2, the Minnedosa, Manitoba, relayer of Winnipeg where presumably they have to make do with DTV only. 0329 newscast is concluding with GLOBAL bug in LR inside a rectangle. 0339 fade in and out with E-T, i.e. `Entertainment Tonight Canada`, which matches the TVGuide.ca schedule for CKND, and the news before it is called `Prime News`, to be followed at 0400-0430 by `News Final` -- I guess the latter is national? Signal remains weak and steady, mostly without audio, the MUF between 56 and 59 MHz. Something about Canada in the lower-left. BTW, altho you can get to other international listings from the US TV Guide site, you can`t get to Canada, where you have to use postal codes to reach local listings, a pain.

Turned on TV next morning with antenna still north, and at 1442, ch 2 signal fades in: it`s a text display too fuzzy to read, something you don`t expect to see on broadcast television. What station would be doing that? Audio is just a tone. No, it`s not local cable leakage here.

1444, fade to another station, I think, in English, religious interview with phone abottom 1.866.273.4444 and something in lower left with the figure 100. That Googles right away to the Crossroads Christian Communications prayer line, and TV Guide matches for 9:30 am in Winnipeg, so it`s still/again CKND-TV-2, with the show ``100 Huntley Street``. Fades out before 1500. Nothing further by 1755 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 91.9, CHIN-1, Toronto, Ontario, Canada June 22 2219 - strong with presumed man speaking at 135 km/h in presumed oriental language that was likely Cantonese. However I have pathetic lack of knowledge of Sino-Tibetan languages, so it could just have easily been in Mandarin, Fuzhou or Gan. Strong signal parallel to an equally strong 1540 kiloHertz. Signal not being jammed by Chicoms or the Dentro Cuban Jamming Command. No infading or outfading on this signal. No information on Aoki's list, but the CHIN website indicates that at this time, programming is in "Chinese". Signal is strong enough in north-central Toronto that is splatters over on to 92.1, interfering with the signal from CKPC-fm in Brantford, Ontario (birthplace of Greg Stefan, Wayne Gretzky, Keith Jones and Jay Silverheels) (Niel Wolfish, Ontario, MARE Tipsheeet June 29 via DXLD)

I think that qualifies as 'an excruciatingly detailed report' as required by Radio Azteca, Niel -- well done! :) -kvz (Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., ibid.)

** CANADA. 92.9 Winnipeg Going dark --- After almost 10 years of broadcasting, Red River College`s (RRC) student radio station 92.9 KICK FM will discontinue its on-air broadcasting. According to a statement on KICK FM`s website, the radio station?s board, Cre-Comm Radio Inc., has decided to discontinue over the air broadcasting as a result of a campus radio policy change by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The change, which was announced in January, declared that the CRTC would no longer license stations that exist purely for educational reasons. "92.9 KICK FM went on-air almost 10 years ago with a mandate to provide a radio broadcast training forum for students that resembled, as near as possible, the operation of a commercial radio station. Red River College provided the transmitter and facilities as well as start-up funding, with the goal that the radio station become self sustaining over a period of time. Despite never being able to achieve this, the College continued to fund the station," the statement says. 92.9 KICK FM will return its current broadcast license to the CRTC. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

I assume he did not really write this but copied it from an uncredited news source. Geez! ``purely educational`` stations should get priority licensing! Tho I am not too sympathetic, since KICK FM is pretending to be a US station with a K-slogan like that. Nowhere is mentioned here the real callsign, per FM Atlas 3+ years ago, CKIC with 250 watts (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. RADIO BROADCASTING IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ON THE INTERNET
Here are a few stations broadcasting in Canada in Russian language:

http://www.radioplus.ca/
Russian Radio Plus in Toronto. Listen to the live broadcast from Monday to Friday 1230-1330 UT; on Saturday - 1200-1300 UT.

http://www.vancouverovka.com/index.cfm?a=radio_vera
RADIO VERA is in a live broadcast every morning on the wave of 96.1 FM in Vancouver, from Monday to Friday from 1200 to 1300 UT.

http://russians.ca/directory1/list.php?categoryID=85
Canadian radio and TV in Russian language (Roman Nazarov, Primorskiy region, Russia / ìdeneb-radio-dxî via RusDX July 1 via DXLD)

** CHILE. 17680, July 1 at 1230 and later, a big hole on the 16m band as CVC La Voz has disappeared. It was also missing during the day on June 30, and maybe June 29. Normally it has been the most reliable 16m signal all day long, aimed toward Mexico and US; unfortunately of zero interest since it`s constant gospel-huxtering hype aimed at the younger generation, hardly SW enthusiasts.

This is no accident, as Wolfgang B¸schel and Kai Ludwig point out HFCC registrations show the 17680 transmission at 1200-2300 is drastically reduced to 2100-2300 only; and HCJB is having to search for another relay site, testing Wertachtal on its same frequencies as from Chile.

The HFCC CVI as FMO schedule shows the 17680 21-23 usage started 29 June; along with further cuts: 9635 at 21-22 only; 9780 continues at 22-02, and 11665 at 23-02. The Spanish broadcast at 16-18 on 17640 is shown as on the air from 19 to 21 June only; HFCC is unable to indicate in these schedule versions that it was DRM.

NHK World Radio Japan has also been using Calera de Tango, and its own schedule still shows those transmissions in effect until Oct 28; the easiest one for us to check is 2130-2200 in Portuguese on 11880.

So is the Calera de Tango station being phased out? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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> 21-23 usage started 29 June

And here's the announcement for the elimination of almost two thirds of the shortwave airtime:
http://www.cvclavoz.cl/noticias.html

A look into the archives: There had already been a first reduction in 2009, around the time when Christian Vision gave up J¸lich and Darwin-Cox. Back then the Portuguese radio service had been "suspended" altogether. I would have to research what finally became of it, but I suspect it ended up as pure website, showing no radio roots anymore, since this was the route the English CVC from Australia took after its shortwave transmitters had been shut down.

And already back in 2009 Christian Vision lamented high expenses for mains power in Chile, further worsened by unfavourable currency exchange rates (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CVC Chile with its usual strong signal on 11665 at 0030 July 3. Parallel 9780 fairly good at the same time, better than expected for that South American beam.

Power costs and exchange rates, yes, but almost 40 year old transmitters are probably a maintenance headache, even though they were off the air for a sesquidecade. I remember hearing them when they were brand new on the now long-defunct international service of Radio Nacional de Chile; excellent signals and audio quality on 19 meters as I recall (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

ReducciÛn en las horas de transmisiÛn CVC Chile: CVC Chile es el sitio de transmisiones de Onda Corta que transmite la seÒal de CVC La Voz (espaÒol). Gracias a una pista del Diexista Kai Ludwig y publicado en la lista de Glenn Hauser nos enteramos de la ReducciÛn en las horas de transmisiÛn de CVC desde su planta en Chile. Para m·s info visitar su web: http://www.cvclavoz.cl/noticias.html
[Kai Ludwig - DXLD] (Dino Bloise, FL, dxldyg via DXLD)

Which leads to its schedule now
http://www.cvclavoz.cl/horario.html
and that of other organizations:
http://www.cvclavoz.cl/horarioA12otrosabril.html
NHK and HCJB, but which has not been udpated, as we know HCJB is currently testing same frequencies via Germany instead; see ECUADOR [non] (gh, DXLD)

Otra que dejar· de transmitir en SW. Ya que tiene muchos retransmisores afiliados en muchas ciudades. Esa es la tendencia.
73 Alf. (Alfredo Canhote [sic], Peru, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Coincido contigo. Adem·s, es evidente que es una estaciÛn que busca que emisoras locales de FM bajen la seÒal del satÈlite con lo cual puede obtener buenos resultados con bajos costos. De hecho, la zona norte del Gran Buenos Aires est· magnificamente cubierta por CVC a travÈs de una FM local (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

New A-12 schedule of Voz Crist„ / La Voz from June 29:
[since it no longer broadcasts in Portuguese, there is no reason to refer to it in that language ---- gh]

Spanish to Northern South America
2100-2300 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg, ex 1200-2300
2300-0200 on 11665 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg till Sep. 1
2300-0100 on 11665 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg from Sep. 2

Spanish to Southern South America
2100-2200 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg, ex 1200-2200
2200-0200 on 9780 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg till Sep. 1
2200-0100 on 9780 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg from Sep. 2

Portuguese to Brasil in DRM mode
1800-2000 on 17640 SGO 015 kW / 045 deg, cancelled
(DX Re Mix News July 3 via DXLD)

Altho I`ve never heard it (of course), I believe there have been reports that the 17640 DRM had been in Spanish, NOT Portuguese (gh)

11880, July 3 at 2145 trying to reconfirm whether NHK Portuguese is still outgoing this semihour via CVC site; cannot pull it thru the noise at first but at 2155 I can barely hear some Sakura and Brazilian, so it`s still there. See also ECUADOR [non] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some July 1st changes: CVC-CVI Spanish cuttings via Calera de Tango, Santiago relay: 9635 kHz 21-22 UT (ex 11-22). 9780 22-02 UT til Sep1st, replaced by 11665 from Sept 2nd. 17680 21-23 UT (ex 11-23). (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Pretty substantial cuts, looking like the beginning of the end (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** CHINA. 17398, 0202-, Guan[g]zhou Coastal Radio Station, Jun 16. Good to very good reception in Chinese with presumed meteorological and marine broadcast. Thanks to the individual who posted the schedule for this station. Continued until a few seconds after 0205 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. CRI opened on 6145 at 2300 24 June but was cut off at 2301 and subsequent relays [via CANADA] have been missing (Dave Kenny, England, 24-25 June, DX News, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake June 28, circa 1230:
11500, very poor at 1231
13920, fair at 1229; none in the 12s
14600, poor at 1228
14700, poor at 1228
15445, poor at 1224
15545, poor at 1236
15900, poor at 1224
15970, poor at 1224
16100, JBA at 1228; none in the 17s

Circa 1330:
11500, very poor at 1322
13920, fair-good at 1322
14600, fair at 1322
14700, fair-good at 1322
15485, poor at 1325
15565, fair at 1325
15755, very poor at 1325
16100, good at 1328
16920, poor at 1328
16980, very poor at 1328
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here are my Firedrake Logs for 1300-1359 on 6-28-12
11500 1326 Good
13920 1327 Fair with het
14600 1327 Fair with het
14700 1327 Fair with het
15565 1329 Fair
16100 1327 Fair
16920 1326 Fair
16980 1326 Fair
17450 1326 JBA
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake June 29, before 1300:
11500, fair at 1255; none in the 12s
13920, good at 1254
14700, good at 1254
14950, good at 1254: no good for Salem Stereo returning: see COLOMBIA
15555, good at 1243
16100, very good at 1243
16920, fair at 1243

16980, poor at 1243; none in the 17s

After 1300:
15485, mainly noise jammer at 1306, het on hi side, but traces of FD
15495, propeller noise at 1325, moved from 15485, definitely with Firedrake, het plus
15565, very good and clear at 1325, ex-1555 before 1300
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Handler`s Firedrake Logs from 1230 to 1335 GMT 6/29/12
Hi Glenn, This morning`s Firedrake intercepts were interesting as it once again confirms the pattern that I have noticed for Voice of Tibet jamming not signing off at the ToH like they do for the Sound of Hope.

11500 Good 1247
13920 Fair-good 1247
14700 Fair-good with het 1247
14700 Good 1315
14950 Good 1248

15555 Fair with het 1248 through 1306.05 sign off. They did not sign off at the ToH. They are following the Voice of Tibet`s broadcast which ends normally at 1304 GMT on 15553
15560 Fair 1316. They were off at 1322 re-check which is not surprising as this freq is tracking the Voice of Tibet`s broadcast from 1304 to 1318 GMT on 15562.

15565 Fair-good 1322 to 1335 sign off. This is tracking the broadcast of the Voice of Tibet's 15567 Tibetan language broadcast operating from 1318 to 1332.

16100 Fair 1249
16920 Fair 1250
16980 Fair-poor 1250
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake June 30 before 1300: none heard. Propagation very degraded; nothing but weakened North American signals (including Cuba) audible on the 15 MHz band, little on 13 or 17. WWV reported:

``Solar-terrestrial indices for 29 June follow.
Solar flux 117 and estimated planetary A-index 5.
The estimated planetary K-index at 1200 & 1500 UTC on 30 June was 4.
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been minor.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level occurred.
No space weather storms are predicted for the next 24 hours``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here are today's (7-1-12) Firedrake logs-steve
11500 Poor-fair 1153 also 1157, 1242, 1328, 1338, 1357, 1413 and 1443 Fair
12230 Fair 1228 also 1243 and 1254 good
13130 Fair 1228 also 1243 and 1255 good
13920 Poor 1153 poor 1159 fair
13970 Fair 1159
14870 Fair-good 1256 and 1423 JBA
14950 Fair 1228 and 1256 fair-poor
14970 Poor 1424 and 1444 JBA

15445 at 1227 until sign off at 1230 apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15442 from 1213 to 1230 for a Mandarin language broadcast

15485 Poor 1306 (Firedrake not heard on any other freq at 1306) until 1315 sign off.

15555 Fair-poor with het 1241 also 1256 to 1306 sign off apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15553 from 1238 to 1304 for a Tibetan language program via Dushanbe, Tajikistan. No sign off at the ToH, Firedrake ran continuously until 1306 sign off

15560 Fair 1312 until 1317 sign off, apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15562 from 1304-1318 for a Tibetan language program via Dushanbe, Tajikistan

15565 Fair 1321 and then 1329 until 1335 sign off apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15567 from 1318 to 1332 for a Tibetan language program via Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

15900 JBA 1242 and 1259, 1323, 1337 Fair, and 1356 poor-jba
15970 JBA 1259
16100 Fair 1324 and 1338
16920 Fair 1325 and 1338 and 1356 poor
16980 Fair 1313, 1319, 1326 and 1338 and 1356 with poor
17450 Poor 1327 and 1338 and 1427 and 1357 and 1445 JBA
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake July 1, before 1300:
17450, very poor at 1233
16980, poor at 1233
16100, poor at 1233
15980, poor at 1233
15970, good at 1257, ex-15980
15900, JBA at 1233
15555, good at 1256

15545, fair until 1236*
14950, fair at 1237 [no Colombia]
14870, very good at 1237
13130, fair at 1237
12320, very poor at 1237
11500, very poor at 1239

Before 1330:
17450, fair-good at 1327
16980, good at 1327
16920, good at 1327
16100, fair-poor at 1326
15565, good at 1326, ex-15555 before 1300
15495, fair at 1326
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11970, 01/Jul 2221, Firedrake, with weak signal (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here are some of today's (July 2, 2012) Firedrake loggings-
Good Dx, Steve Handler
11500 at 1054 poor signal, 1125 & 1153 with Good signal
13970 at 1126 & 1159 with Fair signal
14600 at 1055 JBA-Poor signal, 1127 Poor signal, 1159 Fair signal, 1228 Good signal, 1242 Fair signal, 1357 Fair signal
14700 at 1058 JBA signal, 1128 poor signal, 1159 Fair signal with het, 1227 Good signal with het, 1241 Good signal with het

15435 at 1212 until 1214 sign off with Poor signal apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15437 from 1200 to 1213 for a Mandarin language broadcast from a transmitter in Tajikistan. At 1212 their were no other Firedrake frequencies heard in use

15445 at 1217, and 1303 thru 1306 sign off (no sign off at ToH) Fair signal apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15442 from 1213 to 1230 for a Mandarin language broadcast from a transmitter in Tajikistan

15485 at 1357 Fair signal

15555 at 1240 Fair signal with het apparently targeting the Voice of Tibet (not heard) who reportedly uses 15553 from 1238-1304 for a Tibetan language program via Dushanbe, Tajikistan

16100 at 1227 Fair-poor signal, 1245, 1328 & 1358 Fair signal
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake, July 2 before 1230:
16100, very poor at 1226; none higher
15445, JBA at 1226, weaker than Turkey 15450
14600, fair at 1226
14700, fair-good at 1226

Before 1300; all signals attenuated, even Cuba:
14600, fair at 1257; none in the 11s, 12s, 13s
14700, fair-good at 1257
15555, very poor at 1254
16100, poor at 1254

After 1330:
14700, very poor at 1334
15565, very poor at 1334
16100, fair at 1334 with flutter

WWV reported: ``Solar-terrestrial indices for 01 July follow.
Solar flux 133 and estimated planetary A-index 19.
The estimated planetary K-index at 1200 & 1500 UTC on 02 July was 3.
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been moderate.
Radio blackouts reaching the R2 level occurred.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be minor.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level are expected``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Handler's early Firedrake logs 7-3-12 --- Hi Glenn,
11500 Poor at 1042, 1141 and 1157
12980 Fair at 1142 and 1157
13970 JBA 1053
14700 JBA at 1055, Fair-good at 1142 and 1157
14600 JBA 1054
15900 Poor at 1143 and 1158
16100 JBA ar 1143 and 1158
Good DX, (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake July 3, only a brief incomplete check:
15560, poor at 1316-1317*
15495, poor at 1317, maybe just replaced 15560?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake July 4, before 1300:
13920, poor at 1257, none lower
14700, good at 1257
15555, fair-good at 1258
16100, fair at 1259
16920, good at 1259

After 1300:
15550, good at 1303, ex-15555 before 1300
15485, fair at 1303. These which are active right after hourtop are vs V. of Tibet via Tajikistan which is always on split frequencies, rather than Sound of Hope.

Firedrake July 5, just one quick check:
15445, fair at 1216
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Handler's Firedrake logs 7-5-12 1210-1359:
Hi Glenn, a couple of interesting ones today - steve
13920 Poor 1227 and JBA 1256
14700 1327 poor
13970 Poor with het 1227 and JBA 1256, 1326 poor
15445 Fair 1228 off at 1230
15485 poor signal 1343
15495 1327 poor
15545 Fair 1233 but wasn't heard at 1228 check nor here at 1237 re-check. Strange.
15555 Fair 1257 with het from station lower in freq., heard s/off at 1306
15555 Fair signal, 1239 sign on, to sign off at 1306
15565 1328 Fair with s/off heard 1335
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non] /USA [LITHUANIA/MARIANA ISL-Tinian/TAJIKISTAN/UAE}
Tonight 01-02 UT July 5th noted a different BUZZY NOISE jamming sound, additional to the CNR talk jammer co-channel. Probably from China mainland against US RFA Uyghur service on 9350 Yangi-Yul TJK, 9400 Sitkunai-Lithuania, 11895 and 11945 Al Dhabbaya-UAE, 17635 from Tinian island (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

21720, June 29 at 0605, the OSOB is in Chinese, and with lite CCI; per Aoki, RFA in Chinese, 250 kW, 309 degrees via TINIAN this hour only, sounded like this was on top, over some jamming. Always enjoy 21 MHz openings in the nightmiddle. R Australia is often audible after 05 on 21725, but not tonight, supposedly on until 07 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [non]. 1140, July 5 at 0216 UT on the caradio as we are parked awaiting the Enid fireworx show near Meadowlake Park, I am still trying to ID the Spanish gospel stuff I am hearing here if it`s not XEMR Monterrey, which isn`t supposed to be religious. A clear ID as ``Radio Esperanza 11-40 AM`` goes by, plus praise music in Spanish. Can`t wait to get home and google on that, which leads right to: Cartagena, Colombia. WRTH also lists that slogan for HJKO, 10 kW in

Cartagena, and nothing else in Latin America on 1140. See http://www.radioesperanza1140.com/nosotros.html

ProgramaciÛn page shows a strange schedule, weekdays 1:30 am to 8:15 or 8:30 pm [UT - 5 = 0530-0115/0130], except Fridays all night UT Saturdays, but quite a bit less on weekends; I assume it is incomplete. `Enfoque a la Familia` is at 0530, which should not be too hard to recognize if it`s still vigent. It would be nice to hear a call sign or Cartagena mentioned too (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oh, oh:

1140, XEMR, NL, Monterrey, 6/17 2040 CDT, "Radio Esperanza". The original "Radio Esperanza" on 1140 is in Colombia, but their Facebook page confirms they are relayed on XEMR-1140. Also mentioned Grupo Radio Alegria (Tim Hall, visiting Fort Stockton TX, ABDX via DXLD) See http://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=266943949986724&story_fbid=200297033427181

** COLOMBIA. 14950, June 29 at 0214, no sign of Salem Stereo. But it is expected to come back! Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, has been in touch with the station in Rioblanco, Tolima, writing us on June 28:

``Glenn, They have been off the air for a few days for some minor transmitter adjustments. Thanks to Torolf Johnsson's audio file featuring the station ID and a local ad, which is precisely the one you published online, I was able to nail down the QTH as well as two useful phone numbers. Without further ado I got in touch with them via the phone, and subsequently by email. As a result, Torolf has gotten his well-deserved QSL, for which he is very pleased. I will publish a write-up on how I solved this "mystery" in an upcoming issue of SWB. There will be pics and a station logo as well.

The following info might be of interest:

The SW operation is purposeful, the result of "popular demand". The license for their 5-year-old 106.5 FM outlet was not renewed and so they started live transmissions on the web. Many people complained that only people with a pc would benefit from the station's programming. It was then decided that Salem StÈreo would test a SW channel and apply for a SW license if there was a popular response. From what I am hearing, this is indeed the case. The antenna is on a mountain-top on the outskirts of Rioblanco and the power was referred to as "I do not know, but not too many watts". "It is wonderful that the signal despite this can travel so far". The SW signal has not been on the air for more than 10 days.``

It would be advisable to QSY away from a Firedrake frequency, maybe not a problem there in the evenings, but in the mornings, as heard

again here at 1254 June 29. Rioblanco is not really near Pasto, my first misleading clue but at least pinning it on Colombia. Pasto is in the SW corner of the country, while Rioblanco is in the west-central, Andes, somewhere between Cali and Bogot· (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14950, June 30 at 0125, Salem Stereo still hasn`t come back yet. Good luck on finding Rioblanco, Tolima. Checking some atlases, I don`t see it on the maps nor in the indices. Must be quite small (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Small, but not too hard to find; Population estimate 6,210, located a bit south of Las Hermosas National Natural Park, 58 miles east of Cali, 133 miles southwest of Bogot· (Don Jensen, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I could have searched further online, but as a cartophile, I enjoy collecting atlases from thrift shops, altho they tend to be from the XX Century, and consulting them. I just got my heaviest one yet, for less than $2, The International Atlas, © 1969 Rand McNally, 278 pages of maps and other useful reference material, plus huge index of 223 pages, 6 columns each of fine print, still lacking Rioblanco; of course it may not have existed in 1969, or met a smaller population cutov (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14950, Salem Stereo, Like Glenn, I continue to check for this station most evenings, but no luck so far (Brian Alexander, PA, UT July 2, DX Listening Digest)

14950, July 2 at 0210, still no Salem Stereo, which is supposed to resume after repairs, so worth frequent reminders to keep checking

14950, July 3 at 0134, still no return of Salem Stereo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just a notice related to the music. The Mexican ranchera, and its Colombian sibling the carrilera, is very popular in certain areas of Colombia. Just as the cumbia in MÈxico, Per˙, Bolivia and Argentina. And if there is Christian rock music in the US, no one should be surprised to learn that Christian lyrics seem to adapt to any single one of the Latin American musical genres. I thought the tango would be an exception, but it is not. Music is a merely a vehicle for the message.

As for the SW operation, licensed or not, it was a way to offer the local audience a possibility to listen to the programming of Salem Stereo. Without a permit to operate on 106.5, the local audience would be rather slim if limited to a webcast only.

Something for RNW and others to think of, too. More details - including pictures - related to Salem Stereo will be forthcoming in the next issue of SWB which is due on Sunday July 8. Meanwhile, Torolf Johnsson has received a QSL for tuning their way (Henrik Klemetz, July 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ON THE AIR! 14950.74v, Salem Stereo, *2245-2257+, July 4, presumed with Spanish music. Very Weak in noisy conditions at this time. Varying up to 14950.76 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Initial tip, more below

Super weak here in Montevideo with Spanish melodic songs. Deep QSB. 73 from Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, ibid.) Lost time which must have been only on his e-mail`s timestamp, but shortly after above (gh)

14950.74v, Salem Stereo, *2245-2315+, July 4, Spanish music. Spanish talk. Very Weak in noisy conditions at this time. Weak but readable on peaks. Varying up to 14950.75. It appears the SW frequency is approximately 2 minutes ahead of their webcast at http://www.salemstereo.com/ (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, ibid.) And later still:

14950.74, Salem Stereo, *2245-2320+, July 4, Spanish music. Spanish talk. Very Weak in noisy conditions. Weak but readable on peaks. Varying up to 14950.75. It appears the SW frequency is approximately 2 minutes ahead of their webcast at http://www.salemstereo.com/ Thanks to Henrik Klemetz and others for IDing this station (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

14950, 2309 UT. Salem Stereo, Rioblanco, Tolima, Colombia. SeÒal muy baja y variable, con m˙sica melÛdica en espaÒol. Anuncios ininteligibles a las 2312. 73 desde Montevideo (Rodlofo Tizzi, condiglist yg via DXLD)

14950, 04/Jul 2313, Salem Stereo in Spanish. Gospel tango. At 2315 jingle, OM talk, then gospel music. 25332.

14950, 04/Jul 2322, Salen Stereo in Spanish. ID by YL at 2322 and 2326. At 2329 ID by OM. At 2330 YL says the ID and the time. 25432

a very large delay between the transmission of radio and web radio link, one minute and fifteen seconds, approximately. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana BA - Brasil 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Agora, ‡s 2353, est· sem sinal aqui. Mas atÈ uns 30 minutos estava boa a recepÁ„o. http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/12968322/

73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana BA - Brasil, ibid.)

AquÌ en Montevideo tampoco la estoy escuchando m·s... 73! (Tizzi, 0004 UT July 5, ibid.)

Por ac· por Buenos Aires en 14950 entra una seÒal pero no puedo clarificarla de ninguna forma; parece m˙sica y ni en USB ni en LSB la puedo entender (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 0011 UT July 5, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Eu sempre a ouÁo em AM mesmo com bom ·udio, quando a propagaÁ„o deixa. Agora ‡s 0031 o sinal voltou a ficar melhor (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana BA - Brasil, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Apenas audible entre el ruido, 4 de julio a las 2309 UT.
http://youtu.be/9XvfbNbnMKQ
Anuncio ilegible a 02:18 del video.
73 desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting!! Same deep fades as on previous loggings, but readable on peaks. Seems right; Web about 2-1/2 min behind realtime SW. Confirmed by the time checks by the girl, periodically, heard on the web, which are about 2-1/2 minutes behind my clock time. Switched from what still sounds like Mexican norteÒa music; apparently Colombian ``ranchera``? Country ballads, to m˙sica cristiana at 0001 UT. Would be nice to have an email address. Lag seems closer to 3 minutes (Don Jensen, 0107 UT July 5, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I did some digging around the website; it seems that Salem Radio or its pastor (Luis Emilio Torres Garzon) is somehow affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church in Colombia - the pastor's bio refers to IPUC - and those folks have a website; its "write to us" page is here:
http://www.ipuc.org.co/contactenos/escribanos.html
Might be worth a try (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, ibid.)

Reports can be sent to salemstereo (at) hotmail (dot) com. The station manager is Pastor Luis Emilio Torres. He is an ex-SWL (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14950.76, July 4 at 2330, Salem Stereo, Rioblanco, Tolima, is back after missing several days since its original spurt of activity; tnx to tip from Brian Alexander who heard it signing on at 2245. I am getting very poor signal with Mexican-style music occasionally peaking from the noise level. Frequency approx. by clicking 19 times upward out of 25 per kHz, i.e. 40 Hz each from 14950.0 on the DX-398; 0057 July 5 a little better, almost readable, with continuous talk, sermon? past 0103. Not checked again until 0302 when the carrier was still detectable. Maybe if they`ve got the SW- transmitter fixed up now,

they will be running it longer hours. According to Henrik Klemetz, Salem Stereo lost their FM license and found webcasting to be insufficient, so they hope to get a SW license after testing this; or, why bother with that? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14950.75, Salem Stereo, 2230-2315+, July 5, Spanish religious music. Spanish announcements. Very weak. Weak but readable on peaks (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

14950.75, UT July 6 at 0144, Salem Stereo with the strongest signal yet, during preaching about redemption with God. Unfortunately my local noise level is also stronger than usual without which it would have been quite readable if I cared to do so; I`d prefer the music, but the novelty of this is starting to wear off, lacking any programming of genuine interest. I see it is running all-night; Dave Valko, PA, had it around 0800 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. [Kinshasa] 5066.339, R. TÈlÈ Candip, Bunia, 1740-1755 UT, heute June 28 mit d¸nnen S=5-6 Signal. In diesem Zeitfenster 1745-1845 UT sollte man mal hinein hˆren. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Deutschland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11690, R. Okapi (via Meyerton). Was hearing same soft guitar music as on 6175 Sackville before this started earlier at 0328. Could they both Sackville and Meyerton have been relaying V. of Vietnam in Spanish at that time??) [no]. Program start at 0402 with fanfare music and talk by M in unknown language. Some brief live talk sound bites, then W in definite French and more sound bites in different unknown language by W. Mentions of Africa, Rwanda. 0411 very short Hi-life music bridge and W announcer in French with possible mention of "kilohertz" and Okapi. 0412 canned jingle ID sandwiched around brief W announcement. Quick talk with another "Okapi" singing jingle at 0412:50. Weak and poor with QRN. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

The ``soft guitar music`` (`cello?), is the BaBcoCk ``IS``, filler music loop heard on many different relay sites (gh, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. 9630, June 28 at 0536 one of the biggest signals on the band is missing, REE relay which normally runs until 0600*.

9630, July 2 at 0213 as I am trying to check Vatican on 9610, heavy QRM from REE Cariari relay transmitter, extremely distorted on fundamental and putting out heavy modulation spur spikes, worst between 9590 and 9670, also audible further out to 9550 at least; still the same at 0248, but OK at recheck 0504.

But2, at 0520, 9630 is blasting spurs again, even bothering Vietnam/Canada 9555, and now audible between 9470 and 9790, i.e. plus/minus 160 kHz. This transmitter goes out of whack again and again ruining great swathes of the 31m band, yet I see no other complaints about it! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Slipshod RadioCuba operators at the 0500 transition in frequencies and languages June 30: At 0503, 6010 and 6125 are on with dead air, while 6000 is still on in English along with 6050 and 6060. Then 6000 cuts off, and 6125 starts modulating with a squeal, but it`s not the same transmitter which was on 6000.

13740, June 30 at 1309, big open carrier with hi-pitched tone, best audible by off-tuning, then tone off but some hum and crackle continue. S9+22 signal equivalent to RHC 13780, and obviously the CRI English relay transmitter tuning up for the 14-16 broadcast. Off the air at 1332 check.

17730, July 3 at at 1934, RHC on wrong frequency! In French discussion about Napoleon, ``LibertÈ, …galitÈ, FraternitÈ`` as if the Cuban commies were any authorities on those ideals; two YLs in echoey venue, plus background noise, 1936 back to studio where it`s obviously RHC, mentioning L`Alliance FranÁaise de la Havane.

Until now this transmission has been on 17750, while 17730 is their morning frequency in Spanish, when it is paired with 17580 after 1300. 17730 still on the air instead of 17750 at 2121 check in Spanish when it`s now // 17705. Possibly RHC decided to move off 17750 to avoid being squeezed between Romania and Spain, and no longer any ACI from 17735 defunct RCI. Time will tell.

9790, July 4 at 0445, CRI Chinese relay, bigsig accompanied by horrible squeals, more obvious by side-tuning to accommodate their high variable pitches.

13130-13160, July 4 at 1305, as I am tuning by hunting for Firedrake, modulation spike spurs in Spanish peaking around 13150, easily matched to 13780 bigsig from RHC. No others found closer or further.

17750, July 4 at 1945, RHC French is back on scheduled frequency, instead of 17730 yesterday, which as I suspected must have been mistake, RadioCuba failing to change frequency on transmitter from the morning transmission ending at 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5898, Thursday July 5 until 0841:55 last few YL Spanish spy numbers on AM, and ``final, final``, carrier staying on. Same frequency several

hours earlier always has carrier or tones next to The Last Day Prophet of God, not quite close enough to interfere with him, tsk2 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11680, R. MartÌ via Sackville. Heard at 0250 with a heated Spanish discussion. Fair level but noisy on 12/6 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Longwires), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Where in the world did you get this info? 11680 is RHC, and I`m sure neither station would appreciate being confused with the other. RHC could have mentioned MartÌ, as the dentro-Cubans claim to be his heirs just like the fuera-Cubans (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. USA/CANADA. Some July 1st changes: IBB Spanish Greenville (ex SAC-CAN), 11775 0100-0300 UT, 13820 2000-2200 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think the use of Sackville for Radio MartÌ was not necessary at all and just a courtesy, to allow in return RCI access to the IBB facilities around Asia (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** CUBA [non]. Radio Rep˙blica ended via RMI via Sackville June 25, altho it could have continued a while longer like most other relay clients, except for China, Radio MartÌ, which has moved Sackville transmissions back to Greenville. But now R. Rep˙blica is back, again on 9490!

9490, July 3 at *0058:30 huge open carrier comes on, S9+25 at least. At 0100, Cuban NA (take that, RHC!), 0101 RR theme and ID, but no frequency or schedule announcement, right into first program, `Leer y Pensar`` (Read and Think), featuring an anti-Commie book whose title I wish I had caught.

I did not hear any jamming just before the carrier came on, nor once it had started; apparently RR has bought some time free of jamming by this unannounced new transmission. Previously had been only Sat & Sun 23-02 Sun & Mon via Sackville, but now it`s daily 01-02 via: GUIANA FRENCH. (However, I remember running across some residual pulse jamming on 9490 late at night on Sat or Sun, typically vs nothing at that time.)

At 0133 still no jamming audible (tho MSY signal is so huge it could have obscured some), but wall-of-noise is upon 9955 WRMI which is scheduled to be carrying the DX program `Frecuencia al DÌa` on UT Tuesdays --- hardly an anti-Castro show as host Dino Bloise is not even a Cuban; most other days of the week this semihour is not even in

Spanish! I see that WRMI has posted an updated program schedule dated June 24 via http://www.wrmi.net or a click away from: http://www.wrmi.net/pb/wp_d12a1732/wp_d12a1732.html

There was also WON jamming upon 5955, near the R. Rep˙blica Costa Rica frequency 5954.3v, which could not be detected, altho it may still be active at least during this hour. At 0155 on 9490, the only frequency announced by RR was still 5955! One is hard-pressed to find any SW schedule info via their website or that of the parent agency Directorio Democr·tico Cubano.

Backing up to 0149 when I retuned to 9490, still no jamming, but I was hearing QRM in English seemingly from a US religious station, mentioning Sodom & Gomorra [MS Word spellcheck approved] tho nothing else is scheduled on 9490. (Nor is RR, yet? in HFCC). This may have been receiver overload from the supersignal on 9860 WHRI which I found later. R. Rep˙blica was hardly finished with 9490 when it was cut off the air early in mid-sentence at 0155.5*

9490, another check of R. Rep˙blica via GUIANA FRENCH, UT July 5 starting at 0058, no carrier yet and no jamming either, altho 5955 is getting heavily jammed, with a het, maybe the buried 5954.3v Costa Rica transmitter.

*0058.5 big carrier on 9490, and mixing with weak talk in English, not matching WHRI 9860, but maybe overload matching second-adjacent WTWW 9479, which fortunately is about to switch to 5755. 0100 as before R. Rep˙blica starts with Cuban NA, sign-on mentioning no frequencies, 0101 `La Cuba que Perdura` (endures) show talking about Cuban culture, and still no jamming audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. ?? Radio Monte Carlo ?? 1233 Cape Greco ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1827-1829. OM's talking, sounds Arabic, but unreadable. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

?? Radio Sawa ?? 990 Cape Greco ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1726-1734. Arabic music. Have not logged this one before. Poor, to Egypt and the Levant (Euro-African Medium Wave Guide). Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. WILDFIRE IN COLORADO SPRINGS PROMPTS CLOSURES, EVACUATIONS FOR MISSION AGENCIES
http://www.hcjb.org/HCJB-Global-News/wildfire-in-colorado-springs-prompts-closures-evacuations-for-mission-agencies.html

(June 29, 2012) At least two mission organizations in Colorado Springs, Colo., faced some tense days this week as the fast-moving

Waldo Canyon Wildfire threatened buildings, prompting temporary office closures and forcing some staff members to evacuate their homes. Both HCJB Global and The Navigators, located in northwestern Colorado Springs, have been affected by the fire which continues to rage out of control since it first started about noon Saturday, June 23.

HCJB Globalís office was closed Wednesday and Thursday as police sealed off area roads, and The Navigators evacuated its facilities at Glen Eyrie and set up temporary offices at Focus on the Family.

ìThank you for your concern and prayers for the safety of our staff and our offices,î said HCJB Global President Wayne Pederson. ìThe fires are still raging today, but well to the north of our facilities.î

ìWhile smoke is visible, fires remain well to the north and west of the Ministry Service Center,î said Dick Jacquin in a message on Thursday. ìThe office closed for two days because of the mandatory evacuation restrictions. It is in the evacuation zone as we are within two miles of many of the houses that have been destroyed. On Wednesday the smoke was horrible. All the roads were closed in the area of the office to allow emergency equipment free access.î

At least four HCJB Global staff members were given mandatory fire evacuation orders Tuesday afternoon after the wind changed direction and increased to 65 mph, blowing the flames down the east side of the foothills below Pikes Peak and entering the Mountain Shadows neighborhood. The inferno forced the evacuation of more than 32,000 residents and burned an estimated 347 homes according to media reports. One person died in the blaze, and one person is missing.

It is believed that none of the homes owned by HCJB Global staff members were damaged or destroyed, but they are still in jeopardy as the wildfire remains active with hundreds of firefighters battling the inferno and dozens of aircraft dropping water and fire retardant. ìThe fire is still totally unpredictable and is changing daily depending on the wind,î added Jacquin.

Vice President of Personnel Pete Jenik, one of the evacuees, is keeping an eye on the elements. ìIf we get a west wind [again], then my worry is if it comes toward us and weíll get a lot of embers. Ute Valley Park could light up because of all the dry grass.î

Senior Editor Harold Goerzen and his wife, Linda, were also among those who had to evacuate. ìWe sat stunned late Tuesday and into the early-morning hours of Wednesday, focusing on the horrifying images flashing before us on our hosts' wide-screen TV,î Harold recounted. ìWe felt sick to our stomachs as we watched the news coverage of

dozens of houses engulfed in flames, blazing like torches in the darkness. Could one of those buildings be ours?î

Live satellite images indicate that the flames came within a block of the Goerzensí residence. ìWe still don't know for sure if our home is still standing,î he said. ìBut either way, we commit this situation to the Lord. He is in control, and we will move on, knowing that He had a purpose for everything that has happened.î

It appears as if The Navigatorsí property also came through the fire nearly unscathed, but that could change if the winds increase or change direction.

ìThe fire is still active and dancing around our properties,î said Gary Cantwell, chief communications officer of The Navigators on Tuesday, June 26. ìOn Saturday we were ordered by the fire marshal to evacuate everyone from Eagle Lake Camp, Glen Eyrie and from our international and U.S. headquarters.î

The evacuation order affected ìseveral hundred people,î including staff and those attending a conference. ìLocal churches opened their doors for all the evacuees, local businesses provided food and a clothing ministry provided clothes,î Cantwell explained. ìA lot of people helped to take care of us.î

ìThe organizationís international and U.S. headquarters are in the evacuation zone, so we contacted Focus on the Family, and they opened up a space in their international building to use for offices to maintain operations and house our crisis management group,î he continued. ìI greatly appreciate the body of Christ working together. We donít know how many days weíll be here, but Focus has offered to let us stay indefinitely.î

When asked how he felt when he sees huge clouds of smoke and flames in the hills about Glen Eyrie, Cantwell replied, ìGod has done so many great things in people's lives in this beautiful place, and we pray that He would protect everyone from the fires. We have been comforted by Psalm 46:1-2, ìGod is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the seaî (NIV).

Sources: HCJB Global Communications Department, The Colorado Springs Gazette. Photos: Duane Birkey, HCJB Global (HCJB press via DXLD)

[following item undated, but from order on page precedes the above]

UPDATE ON THE COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE - Wayne Pederson
http://www.hcjb.org/HCJB-Global-News/update-on-the-colorado-springs-fire.html

Our offices are still closed today, because we are in the evacuation zone and Garden of the Gods Road remains closed. Thank you for your concern and prayers for the safety of our staff and our offices. The fires are still raging today, but well to the north of HCJB Global. -

While smoke is visible, fires remain well to the north and west of HCJB Global's office. The office is closed again today because of the mandatory evacuation restrictions. [caption]

A note from Dick Jacquin:

Our office is in the evacuation zone as we are within 2 miles of many of the houses that have been destroyed. I was there yesterday and the smoke was horrible. All the roads are closed in the area to allow emergency equipment free access.

We have about four families in the evacuation zone, but so far their homes have been spared. It sounds as if more than 200 homes have been lost. The fire is still totally unpredictable and is changing daily depending on the wind. There are thunder storms coming in again today and that is totally bitter sweet as lightening starts new fires unless there is a significant amount of rain. As the wind switches new areas are threatened. At the moment it is moving slowly towards the Air Force Academy and there are many high-end homes in that area - many have burned already.

We removed the most important servers out of the from the office - just in case. We are hoping that we can get some people back in later today or tomorrow to get some of the computers up and operating again so people can work remotely. All very complicated and unpredictable at this time... Note: We will be adding more information as it becomes available (via DXLD)

A different version to the first story above came in the HCJB Global News Update for the week, altho still dated June 29:

WILDFIRE IN COLORADO SPRINGS PROMPTS CLOSURES, EVACUATIONS FOR MISSION AGENCIES (June 29, 2012 - by Ralph Kurtenbach)

The fast-moving Waldo Canyon Wildfire this week forced the evacuation of more than 32,000 people and prompted calls for prayer by at least three mission organizations in Colorado Springs, Colo. HCJB Global, The Navigators and Compassion International in the cityís northwestern sector all saw ministry operations affected by the fire that started on Saturday, June 23.

In an internal memo to HCJB Global staff worldwide, President Wayne

Pederson described the view from his corporate office facing the front range of the Rocky Mountains on Tuesday. ìWe watched the fire leap over the ridge and make a rapid descent down the mountain with 65-mph winds driving the fire downward,î detailed Pederson.

Authorities soon established the street next to HCJB Globalís Ministry Service Center as an evacuation route. This prompted a two-day (Wednesday and Thursday) closure of the missionís offices on Garden of the Gods Rd.

ìThe office closed for two days because of mandatory evacuation restrictions,î said Dick Jacquin, a special assistant to the president. ìThe office is in the evacuation zone, within two miles of many of the houses that were destroyed. On Wednesday the smoke was horrible. All the roads were closed in the area of the office to allow emergency equipment free access.î

Meanwhile, The Navigators evacuated corporate facilities at Glen Eyrie, establishing temporary offices at Focus on the Familyís campus. ìThe fire was dancing around our properties,î said Gary Cantwell, chief communications officer of The Navigators on Tuesday, June 26. ìOn Saturday (June 23) we were ordered by the fire marshal to evacuate everyone from Eagle Lake Camp, Glen Eyrie and from our international and U.S. headquarters.î

Pete Jenik and Harold Goerzen were among at least four HCJB Global staff members given mandatory fire evacuation orders on Tuesday afternoon with flames racing down the eastern foothills of Pikes Peak, as described by Pederson.

Jenik, vice president of personnel, said that in his neighborhood ìUte Valley Park could light up because of all the dry grass.î Senior Editor Goerzen and his wife, Linda, described the surreal hours late Tuesday and early Wednesday at their hostsí home, viewing televised images of the fireís destruction.

Harold recalled a sick feeling while ìwe watched the news coverage of dozens of houses engulfed in flames, blazing like torches in the darkness. Could one of those buildings be ours?î Live satellite images later in the week indicated that the flames came within a block of the Goerzensí residence.

Media reports claim that in addition to forcing 32,000 evacuations, the Waldo Canyon Wildfire burned an estimated 347 homes according to media reports. Two persons died in the blaze, and about 10 are reported missing.

None of the homes owned by HCJB Global staff members were damaged or

destroyed, but they could still be in jeopardy as the wildfire remains active with hundreds of firefighters battling the inferno and dozens of aircraft dropping water and fire retardant. ìIt appears as if The Navigatorsí property also came through the fire nearly unscathed, but that could change if the winds increase or change direction.î

Both the physical and emotional impact of the fire on Compassion International has been severe. ìWhen [the fires] merged, they came over the hill and into the valley where a lot of our homes are,î reported Compassionís Kathy Redmond. The smoke was thick at our headquarters. Most staff members have been working from home, but for some, thatís not an option.

ìWe have staff members who know they have lost their homes,î Redmond related. ìOthers think they have lost their homes; weíre just not sure. Of course [many] staff members have had to evacuate and move to the homes of friends, hotels or churches.î

She urges believers to ìpray for peace and special protection for the staff and headquarters of Compassion and all other affected ministries in Colorado Springs. Pray that this disaster would not hinder the great works God is doing through these organizations which are dedicated to spreading the love of Christ around the world.î

Sources: HCJB Global, The Colorado Springs Gazette, Mission Network News. Photos: Duane Birkey, Ed Giesbrecht, HCJB Global (via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. HCJB leaves Calera de Tango, tests Wertachtal

-----Original Message-----
Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2012 22:44:28 +0200
Subject: [A-DX] Sendungen ueber CVC (Voz Cristiana)
From: "HCJB - Die Stimme der Anden"

Hallo, danke f¸r die R¸ckmeldungen. Falls ihr zu sp%ter Stunde noch wach seid: heute Abend kommen noch die Sendungen aus Chile:

11920 kHz
UTC 22:45 - 23:00 Kulina
UTC 23:00 - 00:45 Portugiesisch

9835 kHz
UTC 23:00 - 23:30 Deutsch
UTC 23:00 - 00:00 Plattdeutsch

Wie OM Roger schon schrieb: Auf beiden Frequenzen und zu gleichen Zeiten Testsendungen aus Wertachtal (1.-7.7.2012) und danach bis zum

31.7.2012 wieder Santiago Chile. Herzliche Gr¸fle und gut DX, euer Horst (von HCJB, June 30, A-DX via Kai Ludwig, DXLDyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

HCJB will as a test replace Calera de Tango by Wertachtal from July 1 to July 7, at same times on same frequencies (11920 2245-0045, 9835 2300-2400). On July 8 the transmissions will switch back to Chile but only until July 31 when HCJB will leave Calera de Tango permanently.

And this at the same time when transmissions of CVC Spanish from this site are stated to be cut back drastically, as reported by Wolfy to just 2100-2200 9635, 2100-2300 17680, 2200-0200 9780. Aha-aha-aha (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re Horst Rosiak HCJB from Quito-EQA in A-DX ng

Why not use of Montsinery-GUF site? wb.

Perhaps due to the apparent idea to avoid a frequency change? And of course it's just a test, so not necessarily the final solution.

Btw, in October the WRN distribution of the German HCJB programs in Europe will cease because it's too expensive. There are options for a 24/7 mono channel on Astra 19.2 which are cheaper than two 30 minutes slots on WRN German a day.

Can someone check the Calera de Tango frequencies of CVC La Voz? Are they indeed off air now, to come on air not before 2100 as it is supposed to be the case since today? (Kai Ludwig, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11920, July 3 at 2300 checking the HCJB Portuguese relay which this week is reported to be testing Wertachtal, Germany, instead of CHILE, as Calera de Tango is being phased out? HCJB is to return there from July 8, but only until monthend when they will need a permanent replacement. Poor signal with fading, but I haven`t checked this from Chile lately to compare, and anyway it hardly matters here far off-target. As I tune in, I am surprised to hear them mention Guiana Francesa, with contact info for QSL, so it appears they are testing via MontsinÈry instead of Wertachtal.

Info about the 2245-2445 tests July 1-7 being via Germany came from Horst Rosiak of HCJB on the A-DX list via Kai Ludwig, and Horst ought to know. Arrangement no doubt made thru MBR which also operates the GUF relay with TDF, so switching around internally would be an easy matter. Wolfgang B¸schel had already suggested they should use GUF instead of Germany to reach Brasil. Nothing to be found about this in

HFCC registrations, nor in a frustrating search thru the HCJB websites, one of which still shows long-abandoned 15295 direct from Ecuador for the Portuguese service! (But I did discover prayerful plans for a new 1 kW SW station in Chazuta, Per˙, near Tarapoto.)

11920, July 4 at 2244 open carrier, 2245 HCJB opening in Kulina. It`s the same speaker we always hear, probably a non-native missionary who learned enough to proselytize. 2259 finally switched to some singing. 2300 opening in Portuguese. I wanted to be sure I heard it right 24 hours earlier. Yes, not Wertachtal Germany, as originally publicized, but they explicitly say this broadcast is via Guiana Francesa, and prompt reception reports to a CP in Curitiba, or hcjb@hcjb.com.br, also a phone number, offering QSL. 2331 heard tail of QSL offer repeated, then diaadiacomdeus.com.br sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Curitiba. Poor but sufficient signal. Is the site contradixion another case like Fiji? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA [non] 9490;

Io ho ricevuto quanto segue:

"Continuamos as transmissıes em ONDAS CURTAS (OC ou SW) na freq¸Íncia de 11920 kHz ñ 25 metros ñ informe SE ouve pelo r·dio e como est· nosso sinal ou se escuta nossa programaÁ„o em nosso site: htttp://www.hcjb.com.br Esta semana estamos numa transmiss„o teste pelo Media&Broadcast de Montsinery da Guiana Francesa." Ciao (Matteo, probably Italy, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

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MG --- Pompeu
CE --- Quixeramobim
PB --- Guarabira, Massaranduba, Jo„o Pessoa
RO --- Cacoal, Porto Velho
PR --- Maring·, Curitiba
CHILE --- VicuÒa

Agradecemos o contato, como resposta segue o cart„o QSL ,Äì o cart„o de confirmaÁ„o de escuta!
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Seja um parceiro da HCJB - A VOZ DOS ANDES Curitiba - PR
(via CE3FZL, July 4, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 9315, R. Cairo. Finally fixed the double audio effect, but voice level is still too low. 0201 TC and ID by M, Arabic music bridge then ID and program rundown. More music followed by program "The Holy Koran and its Meaning". Very strong. (2 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. QSL: Bata. Radio Africa 15190 FD card and religious literature in 3 weeks air for 2 USD and a postcard. (This was about my 4th go), sent to the Californian address (John Wright, Peakhurst NSW (ICOM R8500 EWE antennae Tony Magon pre amp), July Australian DX News via DXLD) Americans just say ``California`` (gh)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 15190 03/Jul 1805 No signal from R·dio InconfidÍncia. 15190, 03/Jul 1806 Equatorial Guinea, R Africa in English, back. OM with emphatic religious preaching. QRM from R Pilipinas, at the same frequency. OM with several mentions of God. At 1811 hymn. At 1812 the signal gets weaker. At 1813 OM and YL disclose the address. 33433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190.0, R. Africa finally shows up again after a couple weeks(?) of absence, July 3 at 1929 with a hymn, 1930 mumbler sounds like the now-encarcerated-for-175-years Tony Alamo. Tnx to tip from Jorge Freitas in Bahia, I was looking for this again first at 1925 on the FRG-7, and heard a big het zero beat at F♯5 on my keyboard = 740 Hz, but then on the DX-398 on the porch, no such het, so it was coming from an inside computer still running. Only outside could I detect a much weaker carrier about twice that far up, no doubt R. InconfidÍncia. Back inside at 1945 I`m hearing F♯ again, certainly an improvement over Tony Alamo (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa (presumed); 1940-1949:34*, 3-July; Low-key English huxter [probably Alamo --- gh]; off abruptly. SIO=2+33- till buzz came up at 1946; LSB helped with 15191.5 het from Inconfidencia(presumed). (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW Icom R3 + duckie, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7185, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0258-0320, July 4, ex-7175, at least for tonight. Tune-in to IS. Vernacular talk at 0300. Horn of Africa music. Fair level but an overall poor signal due to ham QRM. // 9705.03 - fair level, but mixing with Ethiopia 9705 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ERITREA [non]. ETHIOPIA/ERITREA, 9700, R. Ethiopia/V. of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Ethiopia, signal came on at 0256:43 on 9705.000 with both tone and only pieces of the IS, oddly enough. Then the full audio with IS came on at 0258:30 followed by Radio Ee-tee-pee ID and opening announcement by W. Then The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea came on at exactly 0259:06 on 9705.034. Both about equal strength. (see 28 June logging) (25 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ERITREA. 9705.03, V. of Broad Masses of Eritrea, *0256 guitar IS mixed with occasional short ID announcements by M and W. // 7165 both strong but 7165 QRMed by Hams. At 0305 recheck, noted there were actually 2 signals here at the time. 9705.033 which was Broad Masses, and 9705.007 which must be R. Ethiopia. At 0312 could barely separate the two using the notch and 1.5 kHz bandwidth on the Perseus. Ethiopia had talk by M while Broad Masses had music with a little slop from Ethiopia. Heard HoA music on both at different times as well. (28 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. R. Ethiopia External service seems to have settled on odd 7234.7 // 9558.6. Both with quite low modulation. Carrier on the latter heard until 0810+ on June 29. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://www.africalist.de.ms June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9558.7, Radio Ethiopia, Gedja. In French with Edith Piaf songs from 1705 on 21/6 and // 7200 and 7234.8.

9705, R. Ethiopia, Gedja. HS at 0256 IS, 0259 NA of Ethiopia and QRM from UnID (but no Niger, maybe Vatican spur?). From 0400 a program hostile to Eritrea and s/on of Eritrean 2nd program as jammer (// 7180) soon covered by Ethiopian DRM noise jammer on 23/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

9705.01, R. Ethiopia, 0359 caught choral NA, then distinctive IS 0300. 0301 W with Radio Ee-tee-pee ID and long talk with mention of Africa. Dramatic music, then Pop HoA vocal music. At first I thought this might be Broad Masses, but it wasn't // 7205 of course. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and

Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Badr Broadcasting Network via Samara on 15165 confirmed my report with a prepared postcard after 25 days, address is Badr Ethiopia, 4701 Sangamore Road, Suite #125 South, Bethesda MD 20816, USA. E mail report was not replied to (Patrick Robic, Austria via Wolfgang Bueschel, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Schedule 1830-1900 on 15165 Friday, Saturday, Sunday per TDP website (Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

** EUROPE. PIRATE. 6324.81, Black Bandit Radio, 0000-0023+, July 1, pop music, country music. Some polka style music. ID at 0021. Very weak but fair on peaks (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) initial tip; final report:

PIRATE. 6324.81, Black Bandit Radio, 0000-0026+, July 1, pop music, country music. Some polka style music. IDs at 0021 and 0026. Sign off at approximately 0031.Very weak but fair on peaks (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. Radio Border Hunter (presumed): 15480/AM, 2116-2122:04*, 24-June; M in English acknowledging reports (didn't give addy or ID during time noted) with headbanger & pop tunes to s/off without announcement. SIO=353/fady (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Was there a tipoff about this? (gh, DXLD) see also CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

** EUROPE. I'm planning to organize Pirate Radio Night on July 6 and 7. I would like to invite every pirate broadcaster to take part. It would be great if many stations are on air. There could be a start time of the broadcasts, for example after 1800 on both days. I will publish the list of the stations. I hope at least 20 stations from Western and Central Europe will take part (Georgi Bancov, http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.co.uk via July World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD) As of July 2, 27 stations listed on Georgi's blog (Mike Barraclough, ed., ibid.)

** FIJI [non]. 11565, Domo I Viti via Cypress Creek (Clandestine). Good strong clear signal of speakers in unID language, presumed to be Fijian. Mentions in English of "freedom democracy movement" 0830, 12/6 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony 2001D with 7m. vertical antenna), July Australian DX News via DXLD) Really on a Tuesday? Or did you mean 11/6? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 7020, 0630 14 June, France Bleu, Music, ID, talk, French

ham QRM (David J Morris, Dorset, HF Logbook, July BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

Interesting log; 5 x 1404 = 7020 so this would appear to be the fifth harmonic of 1404 kHz transmitter from Corsica as the other French transmitter on 1404 carries France Inter [sic]. Anyone else hear it? (Stephen Howie and/or Dave Kenny, eds., ibid.)

Yes! See Des Walsh, Ireland,
NEW SHORTWAVE INTERFERENCE EVERY 8 KHZ under RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM:

``I first noticed the digital bursts when monitoring 7020 kHz for the 5th harmonic of medium wave France Info 1404 kHz over a month ago. Despite e-mail to them, their spurious transmission is still radiating (June 30)``

And his different version originally in WDXC Contact, also in REF headed UNEXPLAINED PULSING NOISES ON SHORTWAVE

``I have been listening to a weak AM broadcaster in French on 7020 daytime recently and noted a couple of intermittent noise bursts, usually 3 or 4 about a half second apart [. . .] This weak AM station on 7020 transmitting in French was in the CW end of the 40 metre Amateur Band and had CW signals chopping it up. Thus identification was next to impossible but a few days ago I finally twigged that it was the 5th harmonic of 1404 France Info from Brest. 1404 can of course be heard in daylight here on a good car radio.``

WRTH 2012 shows five Radio France transmitters on 1404. Certainly Brest would be the one making it daytime across the channel, not Ajaccio; but only Ajaccio is France Bleu, Brest is France Info as well as the other three (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. I read Kai Ludwig`s item about the closedown of the transmitter site at Berlin-Britz which is about five km from my home and causes local QRM with my receivers due to their seemingly 100 kW transmitter on 990 kHz causing heavy harmonics on 2 x 990 = 1980 kHz and 4 x 990 - 3960, and so on, giving a strong growl or hissing sounds. I hope this transmitter is turned off! It seems that their shortwave outlet on 6190 kHz is already switched off.

I also very much appreciate the switch off for good of the Bulgarian on 747 kHz in February 2012, having caused considerable co-channel interference to my most loved legal station from the Netherlands, Radio 5 Nostalgia. After all, a quite strong AM transmitter within a city region is nowadays completely out of date. And there`s the much longer reaching outlet on longwave 177 kHz (Norbert Scheel, Berlin,

Open to Discussion, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Nord AM who have been broadcasting via the Kall transmitter site on 6005 announced on air 23/24 June that they may not be back on the air until 2013y (Allen Dean, Burnley, UK, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Website says HCJB is operating on 3995, 24 hours (Mike Barraclough, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Reports can be sent to HCJB, c/o Shortwave Radio, P.O. Box 8025, 32736 Detmold, Germany (Allen Dean, UK, ibid.)

Ichtys Radio Relay via HCJB 3995 kHz --- Hello to all, just a short note: HCJB will relay programming from "Ichtys Radio" every morning from 0800 to 0900 UT and every night from 2130 to 2230 from today on 3995 kHz from Weenermoor, Germany.

Ichtys Radio (www.ichts-radio.de) [sic; really
http://www.ichtys-radio.de/
it is] is a small webradio station from the eastern part of Germany, run by volunteers and mainly broadcasts Christian temporary [sic; more like contemporary? Or maybe they do mean temporary, i.e. until Coming#2?] music. The late broadcast might be interesting for some of you as it can be heard across Europe.

And they told me they confirm reception with a e-qsl-card or e-qsl-letter via mail and by snailmail if you send them a report with postage reimbursement (correct word?) Address:

Ichtys Radio
z.Hd. Sven Tasche
R.-Breitscheid-Str. 3
01945 Ruhland
Deutschland

73, (Stephan Schaa, Germany, July 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Certainly is a tongue-twister, Greek word for fish, and you know how that hooks up with Greco-Latin for ``Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior``. In pseudo-English we spell it ichthys, or ichthus; see
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ichthys
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Re: ``From now on, Radio 6150 can no longer be heard on 6150, but on 6070, and we can use it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week``

Heard here at 2302 June 24 with 60s pop and rock music, website

showing non stop music 80 watts. On June 25 at 2220 they were running old offshore radio programmes with 400 watts. Fair signal on clear channel (Mike Barraclough, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Since last Sunday we are on air without interruptions, using 500 to 800 watts PEP. In August there will be a relaunch of our station with a new (old) name. At the same time a new transmitter will go in service, that should increase our signal all around Europe definitely. At the moment you can listen on 6070 to old programmes from Radio Northsea, Caroline, and Atlantis and Laser as well (Station email to Alec van Landsberg Velen, Germany, Garry Stevens Pirate/Free Radio board, June 30 via July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Station website is http://radio6150.de which has details of programme and power being used. Slogan at the top says August 2012 - a legend returns (Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

** GERMANY. 7265, Hamburger Lokal Radio, *0500-0605, 30-06, identification in German: "Hamburger Lokal Radio", male, music, program in Spanish: "Hola amigos, bienvenidos, female: "Radio Tropicana, Radio Tropicana". At 0600 program in English. 24322. (Manuel MÈndez, July 4, Logs in Reinante, Cantabrian Sea, Lugo, Spain, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7265.00, 30 06, 0615, Hamburg Lokal R, English, cultural program, lectures, World of Radio by Glenn Hauser 24432 (Silveri Gomez, FRAGA Catalunya Norte Ocidental, RX : ATS 909 & XDR-1 Sony Tuner FM/AM, playdx yg via DXLD)

Silveri never logs anything but pirates and pseudo-pirates. WORLD OF RADIO was scheduled for 0630 this Saturday and the next, to be regular? (gh, DXLD)

** GREECE. 30-6-12, 6210, by-product of ERA, 2029 rock song, fair (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki Greece, using the DE1126 and the refurbished De1103 together with AN03 Tecsun reel antnna, DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. difference mixing product, 15630 minus 9420 = 6210 (gh)

** GREECE. GERMAN RADIO AMATEUR ARRESTED AND SENT FOR TRIAL IN KOS

Southgate Amateur Radio Newsline said June 4 that several sources were reporting that well-known DXer/World-Traveller Baldur, DJ6SI, who has been active from all over the world from 70 countries and is 75, was arrested on the Greek Island of Kos while operating as SV5/DS6SI. He was there on holiday with his wife. A statement from Baldur a few days later posted on the OKK1RR website said:

My wife is suffering from Alzheimer and has three bypasses. I was accused of conducting radio communications without a Greek radio license. The second accusation was that I could also watch other frequencies with my transceiver, a FT-890AT. My objection was rejected that I operate legally on base of the CEPT regulations. The hotel manager printed the CEPT list which is available on the website of the DARC and handed the printout out to the attorney.

The paper was ignored, folded and put into the pocket. My transceiver was confiscated together with the power supply and the headphones with the remark that it had to be checked by a specialist. They also tried to confiscate my notebook which I tried to defeat because the notebook was not related to the transceiver that had to be checked.

Two mobile phones, cameras and the log book were also confiscated; we were handcuffed and taken to the police station. The handcuffs were so tight that they cut into my flesh and draw blood. I was taken to a hospital where the wound my on hand was treated. In absence of a prison cell, the police wanted to put me into a drunk tank but the attending physician declined that. So I had to spend four hours at the police station sitting on a chair. My hint that I had to see my un-oriented wife was rejected by saying that she is enclosed in the (hotel?) room and being closely guarded from outside.

After long discussions I was then escorted by two police officers to visit my wife at the hotel, medicate and dress her. Personal care and showering, was rejected. Back at the police station a protocol was created. Then we were driven to the courthouse. It was now 11 AM. I was photographed and fingerprinted in the courtyard of the courthouse. Then we waited again until 4 PM under police protection, when I was presented to the attorney who explained me the charges in a two-minute talk: transmitting without permission, having a radio with frequencies other than intended for amateur radio operators and the hindrance in handing out my notebook.

I was commissioned to the court for the next day at 12:00. I had to wait until 16:00 until a judge and an attorney came. The judge told me that he had no translator and appointed a new proceeding for the next day at 12:00. When I objected that we had to fly back the next day, he explained: "this is your problem". Finished. The judge adjourned the hearing, let me go back to Germany and decreed that the lawyer could attend the next hearing alone.

My wife and I had not taken any food for sixteen hours; it was not even offered us. I had no way to sleep for 34 hours. All this as a consequence of an anonymous tip that I had been working without authorization and that I could hear other transmitters. The prosecution referred to a charge on a law dating back to the year

1929! I was acquitted of the first charge concerning amateur radio in the second court date. I was however punished with 5 months of prison with three years of probation for the refusal of handing out my notebook and the attempt to make it unusable (July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** GUANTANAMO BAY [and non]. NAVY PLANS $40 MILLION FIBER-OPTIC LINK TO GUANT¡NAMO BASE

The Pentagon has decided to lay an estimated $40 million underwater fiber-optic cable from Guant·namo Bay to South Florida, The Miami Herald has learned, in the latest sign that the military is preparing for detentions and other operations at the Navy base for the long-term.

ìIt only makes sense to do if weíre going to be here for any period of time,î said Navy Capt. Kirk Hibbert, disclosing the project in an interview last week before ending a two-year tour as the Navy base commander.

Construction wonít start for more than a year. And communications wonít come online for probably two more years. But the American military has already notified the Cuban military to expect a surveyor ship, the USNS Zeus, off the baseís coastline this summer ó a first step toward getting the program funded and then out to bid.

The fiber-optics plan is the largest known infrastructure improvement for the base by the Pentagon, which has undertaken expansion and building projects in a mostly piecemeal and sometimes secretive fashion in the decade of housing war on terror captives there.

Army Lt. Col. Todd Breasseale said the Defense Information Systems Agency had done a ìfeasibility studyî and put the tentative price tag at $40 million. It will require congressional approval, he said, and is in the fiscal 2013 budget.

At Guant·namo, Hibbert said increasing data delivery from the base, which has both the war court and the prison camps intelligence unit, had stretched satellite access from the outpost and planners studied whether to expand their ìterrestrial system,î or go under the water with fiber optics.

Plus, satellite links are prone to interference during bad weather, when the century-old outpost may need connectivity the most. The base, population about 6,000, is like a small town with a seaport, airport and the detention center that houses 169 foreign men as captives, with 1,700 troops and contractors on temporary assignment to imprison them.

The Heritage Foundationís Cully Stimson, who was in charge of detainee policy for the Department of Defense during the administration of President George W. Bush, said the investment makes short-term sense with the coming war crimes trials, notably of the five accused Sept. 11 plotters. But he warned that the investment in the infrastructure does not necessarily signal that the Pentagon is now preparing for detention of prisoners at Guant·namo forever.

ìThat naval stationís been around since 1903, and it will live long past the detention mission,î said Stimson, now Heritageís chief of staff and senior legal fellow. ìIt may be a fiscally prudent use of taxpayer funds.î

The Pentagon also uses the 45-square-mile base as a contingency site for humanitarian relief operations. It has fields prepared to house in tents thousands of people who might flee social unrest or natural disaster in the Caribbean, as refugees from Cuba and Haiti did in the 1990s.

Even if President Barack Obama were to succeed in his ambition to close the detention center, Stimson said, the infrastructure there could be put to other use.

Maintaining Guant·namo is expensive, and the constant churn of prison staff adds to the cost. Navy Cmdr. Tamsen Reese, the recently departed public affairs officer, said the prison estimates it costs taxpayers $77 a day to house and feed a soldier or sailor assigned to detention center duty.

The Bush administration built a series of prison camps for the 779 detainees who have passed through the place, including a still-secret building for former CIA captives. The Navy also put in a sports field, renovated housing and leases trailer parks for rotating detention center forces. And it has a variety of overlapping and at-times unreliable communications systems ó from a contract cable TV and Internet plan that troops must pay for, to a no-charge, molasses-slow Wi-Fi system and sophisticated teleconferencing for the commanders.

Rear Adm. David B. Woods, ending 10 months as prison camps commander, revealed last week that he had staff cut the prisonís monthly telephone bill from $21,000 a month to $5,000 ó no small feat, he said, because the Pentagon lets captives make phone calls to family across the globe as part of a Red Cross program.

Cuba doesnít get a veto on the project, or any activity on the base, which is surrounded by 17.4 miles of fence line patrolled by Marines in southeast Cuba. The United States says itís a lawful tenant under a 1934 treaty and sends an annual rent check from a Swiss bank for

$4,085 to Havana ó even after Fidel Castro told the U.S. military to get out in the 1960s. [and legend has it that Fidel never cashes it]

The base captain meets monthly with his Cuban counterparts. During a recent meeting, Hibbert said, he alerted them that the surveyor ship would be off base waters this summer. He said he got no opposition from the Cuban military after he characterized it this way: The U.S. is setting up ìreliable, more robust communicationsî to update the ìantiquated system we have now.î

Even before that, Hibbert said, U.S. officials sent a diplomatic note to Havana, notifying Cuba about the fiber-optic program. A State Department spokesman would not disclose what the Cuban government was told about the project, or when. Itís policy to keep such communications secret, said William Ostick of the Western Hemisphere Affairs division.

Nor would the Pentagon disclose where the cable would likely come ashore in South Florida after passing through the Windward Passage east of Cuba and emerging from the Atlantic Ocean ó Key West, just 80 miles north of Havana, Miami, or somewhere else. Key West and Miami are roughly an equidistant 600 nautical miles from Guant·namo on a path around the eastern end of the island.

The technology is not new. Telegraph, then telephone cables have been on the ocean floor for more than a century, experts say, and for a time the base had a phone line from Guant·namoís aptly named Cable Beach to Jamaica. Undersea fiber optics came into their own about 30 years ago, according to Vincent Chan, a professor of electric engineering who specializes in the subject at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, ìand they get better every year.î

ìItís routine,î he said. ìEvery time you make a long distance to call to Europe or Asia youíre basically using this technology. Theyíre not using satellites any more.î

At this stage, he added, itís easy to install and a 600-nautical-mile link could be accomplished in six months, depending on the contractor and how much infrastructure needs to be built at either end.

Ships with massive coils of coated fiber-optic cable the circumference of your wrist reel the cable into the sea. Think of a commercial fisherman, Chan said, but ìinstead of deploying a trap theyíre deploying a cable.î

Fiber-optic cables require an undersea signal amplifier ó a laser ó at 30-mile intervals to keep the signal strong.

The only place where the cable might be susceptible to sabotage, he said, is in shallow water, where it emerges to link to a land station. Most of it is so deep in the ocean the only danger is a break, in which case a repair boat would reel it back out and reconnect it.

Read more here:
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/07/04/2881436_p2/navy-plans-40-million-fiber-optic.html#storylink=cpy

Shorter Spanish version from R. MartÌ:
http://www.martinoticias.com/content/fibra-optica-base-naval-guantanamo-/12538.html
73 (via Oscar de CÈspedes, FL, July 4, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, 0532-, Radio Verdad, Jun 16. Quite good reception tonight with English hymns. No announcements during the few minutes I listened (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, June 28 at 1039 I awoke briefly so checked whether R. Verdad was already on. Make that Radio Truth, since they were devotional in English. Others have reported this, but their program schedule page © 2009, at
http://www.radioverdad.org/programaci%C3%B3n
still shows *1100, later on Sundays. Could Guatemala have slipped into DST as they have done in some previous years? Not according to timeanddate.com, still UT-6 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3290, 0510-, Voice of Guyana, Jun 17. Fair reception, and would have been even better except for static crashes. BBC programming (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. Hawaiian daytime bandscan from the monarch coast

Hi all, A quick passing on the AM band noted two oddities from topaz designs; 1370 KUPA is ethical programming and oddly no audio or strong carrier from 850. 620 and all other Hawaiian AM band were noted in well. Will drive to Hilo eventually to double check 850's status. (Todd Skaine Dxing on Kona coast, Woodbury, MN, 2010, PL 310 or Toyota radio, July 2, IRCA via DXLD)

Hey Todd: Dig the severe distortion and over-heavy modulation on some stations! (Mark Durenberger, On the Road, ibid.)

Hi Mark! Where I am at in Waikola on the big island, there are not any locals near us. 620 out of Hilo was just as strong as some Honolulu stations. When I am in Maui I will check then but I don't doubt the overloading that is going on. It`s my hope that I can wake up at early enough before sunrise to catch some splits. Jet lag plus a little too much sun has wiped out before sunset for the second night in a row (Todd Skaine, DXing with 2010, PL 310 or Toyota radio, ibid.)

** HONDURAS. Appreciation of Alfredo Hoffman Reyes: see NETHERLANDS

** INDIA. 15120, July 2 at 0218, S Asian music, poor signal when there`s nothing in HFCC, still snubbed by India, but Aoki shows AIR in Kannada at 0215-0300, 500 kW, 300 degrees from Bengaluru, which is the capital of Karnataka state where Kannada is the primary language, but this external service is probably for such speakers in the UAE before 7 am. Does it originate in Bengaluru studio or New Delhi? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 15140 DRM, 1651-, AIR, Jun 15. Not quite enough to decode today with a SNR of 14.8 dB. States that it's the Russian service with 20.88 kbps in Mono. Occasionally coming through in audio only, despite a powerful looking signal on the waterfall (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Rajkot is testing irregularly in Urdu, Sindhi & Baluchi during local daytime on 1071 kHz. Also simulcast tests on analog 1071 kHz & DRM 1080 kHz (low power). The 1000 kW MW txer at Rajkot, Gujarat will be commissioned by end of this month and regular transmissions are expected by then. DRM channel will carry VBS program. Jose Jacob, VU2JOS is expected to visit Rajkot by end of this week; further updates will be posted in this list (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, July 3, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD) VBS also on SW 9870 (gh)

** INDIA. RADIO EXPANSION: I&B MINISTRY GETTING TECHNICAL STUDY DONE

The I and B Ministry is getting a technical study done to determine whether it can auction more channels during the Phase III radio expansion after recent TRAI recommendations on channel spacing have suggested better utilisation of spectrum.

The ministry has asked Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd (BECIL) to study whether it would be technically feasible to auction more channels within the available radio spectrum for the Phase III expansion of FM radio, officials told PTI.

It had earlier asked TRAI to examine the issue of minimum channel spacing for radio. Minimum channel spacing is the frequency separation between the adjacent channels which determines faithful reception of

individual channels at the listener's radio receiver set.

After examining the matter, TRAI had opined that the minimum channel spacing could be reduced from the present 800 KHz to 400 KHz. The telecom regulator had also said that with advances in radio communication, the need for this would lead to better utilisation of the radio spectrum.

The officials said that if less spectrum space is required to separate channels, it would automatically mean that more radio channels can be carried in the same spectrum.

"If there is additional spectrum we could auction more channels, but to determine how many and if should this be done in Phase III or would there be a Phase IV for that, we need to examine the issue further for which we have asked BECIL to conduct a study," a senior official said.

The official said that while BECIL would report its findings to the ministry, a final decision would only be taken after permission from the Cabinet.

Phase III expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting Services is to pave way for introduction of new channels in 294 cities having population of one lakh and above. (The Economic Times 04/07 via Jaisakthivel, Ardic DX Club, Tirunelveli, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA?? 7289.974, RRI Nabire?? Found here on this frequency using the Perseus at 0745 but too weak for audio. Really fady and ham QRM as well. (24 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Dave, Excellent selection of very fine receptions! A few comments below. I was also listening that day randomly from 0802 to 0813. Per ARRL website: ìARRL Field Day [June 23-24] is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs, friends or simply by themselves to operate.î

RRI had fair signal strength, but there was one ham transmitting almost non-stop on 7290, so I spent most of my time instead listening to Wantok Radio Light on 7324.95, without the QRM (Ron Howard, San Francisco, Calif., ibid.)

** INDONESIA. V of Indonesia in German, 9525: reception report from and sent on 10 December 2010 - received QSL card & sticker on 10 May 2012 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL. LISTENING POST: Programme List - A-12 period
by Alan Roe --- This list supplements the Listening Post Music programmes List A-12 (June 2012) printed in the June issue of Contact

Times	Days	Station	Programme Title	Principle Frequencies
0000~0100	su	R Ext de Espana	Listener's Club	6055
0005 0020	tu	All India R GOS	Faithfully Yours	9950 11670 13605
0005 0015	th	All India R GOS	Book Reading (3rd)	9950 11670 13605
0020~0050	mo	R Romania Int	DX Mailbag	9700 11965
0020~0050	tu	R Romania Int	Pro Memoria	9700 11965
0020~0040	we	R Ext de Espana	Listener's Club	6055
0020~0050	fr	R Romania Int	Listener's Letterbox	9700 11965
0035-0100	we,sa	V of Russia	WS Moscow Mailbag	9665
0115~0125	mo	V of Vietnam	Sunday Show	6175sac
0115~0125	tu	V of Vietnam	Vietnam Land & People	6175sac
0115~0125	th	V of Vietnam	Letterbox	6175sac
0115~0125	sa	V of Vietnam	Rural Vietnam	6175sac
0145-0155	we	R Tirana	Albanian History feature	7425
0145-0155	fr	R Tirana	Around Albania	7425
0145-0155	sa	R Tirana	Outstanding Personalities	7425
0220-0300	we	R Taiwan Int	We've Got Mail	5950 9680 [yfr]
0230-0255	su,mo	V of Russia	WS VoR Treasure Store	9665
0245~0255	mo	V of Vietnam	Sunday Show	6175sac
0245~0255	tu	V of Vietnam	Vietnam Land & People	6175sac
0245~0255	th	V of Vietnam	Letterbox	6175sac
0245~0255	sa	V of Vietnam	Rural Vietnam	6175sac
0310-0330	su,mo	V of Russia	WS From Moscow With Love	9665
0320~0350	mo	R Romania Int	DX Mailbag	9645 11795 11895
0320~0350	tu	R Romania Int	Pro Memoria	9645 11795 11895
0320-0400	we	R Taiwan Int	We've Got Mail	5950 15320
0320~0350	fr	R Romania Int	Listener's Letterbox	9645 11795 11895
0325~0350	tu	V of Turkey	Hues & Colours of Anatolia	6165 9515
0325~0350	we	V of Turkey	Turkish Legendary Figures	6165 9515
0325~0350	th	V of Turkey	Letter-box	6165 9515
0325~0350	sa	V of Turkey	Ataturk Through Diaries	6165 9515
0325~0350	su	V of Turkey	Legends of Anatolia	6165 9515
0330-0400	mo	WEWN/EWTN	Family Theater Classic Radio	11520
0345~0355	mo	V of Vietnam	Sunday Show	6175sac
0345~0355	tu	V of Vietnam	Vietnam Land & People	6175sac
0345~0355	th	V of Vietnam	Letterbox	6175sac
0345~0355	sa	V of Vietnam	Rural Vietnam	6175sac
0505-0530	sa	V of Nigeria	Listeners Letters	15120
0510-0530	sa	NHK R Japan	Media Watch: Close Up (3rd)	5975wof

6110sac 11970iss
0510-0530 su NHK R Japan Friends Around the World 5975wof 6110sac 11970iss
0515-0530 su V of Nigeria Celebration 15120
0530-0600 sa WEWN/EWTN Family Theater Classic Radio 11520
0540~0550 tu R Romania Int Pro Memoria 9700 17760 21500

0605-0630 sa-su China R Int Heartbeat 17505
0630-0655 sa China R Int Listener's Garden 17505
0630-0655 su China R Int China Horizons 17505
0645-0700 sa V of Nigeria Celebration 15120

0805-0830 sa-su China R Int Heartbeat 13710 17490
0830-0855 sa China R Int Listener's Garden 13710 17490
0830-0855 su China R Int China Horizons 13710 17490

1005-1030 sa-su China R Int Heartbeat 17490
1030~1045 mo All India R GOS Faithfully Yours 13695 15410 17800 17895
1030~1040 we All India R GOS Book Reading (3rd) 13695 15410 17800 17895
1030-1055 sa China R Int Listener's Garden 17490
1030-1055 su China R Int China Horizons 17490

1120~1150 mo R Romania Int Pro Memoria 15210 15430 17510 17670
1120~1150 th R Romania Int Listener's Letterbox 15210 15430 17510 17670
1120~1150 su R Romania Int DX Mailbag 15210 15430 17510 17670

1205-1230 sa-su China R Int Heartbeat 17490
1210-1230 sa NHK R Japan Media Watch: Close Up (3rd) 6120sac 9695sng
1210-1230 su NHK R Japan Friends Around the World 6120sac 9695sng
1230-1255 sa China R Int Listener's Garden 13650 13790 17490
1230-1255 su China R Int China Horizons 13650 13790 17490
1255~1320 mo V of Turkey Hues & Colours of Anatolia 15450
1255~1320 tu V of Turkey Turkish Legendary Figures 15450
1255~1320 we V of Turkey Letter-box 15450
1255~1320 fr V of Turkey Ataturk Through Diaries 15450
1255~1320 sa V of Turkey Legends of Anatolia 15450

1310-1330 sa NHK R Japan Media Watch:Close Up (3rd) 15735uzb
1310-1330 su NHK R Japan Friends Around the World 15735uzb
1350 1400 tu All India R GOS Of Persons, Places & Things (1st,3rd,5th) 9690 11620 13710
1350~1420 su All India R GOS Of Films (4th) 9690 11620 13710

1410-1430 sa NHK R Japan Media Watch: Close Up (3rd) 15735uzb

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1410-1430 su    NHK R Japan Friends Around the World 15735uzb
1425~1440 mo    All India R GOS Faithfully Yours 9690 11620 13710
1425 1435 we    All India R GOS Book Reading (3rd) 9690 11620 13710

1615~1625 mo    V of Vietnam Vietnam Land & People 7220 7280 9550 9730
1615~1625 we    V of Vietnam Letterbox 7220  7280 9550 9730
1615~1625 fr    V of Vietnam Rural Vietnam 7220 7280 9550 9730
1615~1625 su    V of Vietnam Sunday Show 7220 7280 9550 9730

1655~1720 mo    V of Turkey Hues & Colours of Anatolia 15520
1655~1720 tu    V of Turkey Turkish Legendary Figures 15520
1655~1720 we    V of Turkey Letter-box 15520
1655~1720 fr    V of Turkey Ataturk Through Diaries 15520
1655~1720 sa    V of Turkey Legends of Anatolia 15520
1715~1725 mo    V of Vietnam Vietnam Land & People  9625
1715~1725 we    V of Vietnam Letterbox 9625
1715~1725 fr    V of Vietnam Rural Vietnam 9625
1715~1725 su    V of Vietnam Sunday Show 9625
1720~1750 mo    R Romania Int Pro Memoria 11740
1720-1800 tu    R Taiwan Int We've Got Mail 15690iss
1720~1750 th    R Romania Int Listener's Letterbox 11740
1720~1750 su    R Romania Int DX Mailbag 11740

1805-1820 m,we  V of Russia  WS Moscow Mailbag 9900 12040
1805-1830 sa,su China R Int Heartbeat 13760
1820-1900 tu    R Taiwan Int We've Got Mail 6155iss
1830~1840 tu    All India R GOS Of Persons, Places & Things
                (1st, 3rd, 5th) 7550 11670 13695
1830~1900 su    All India R GOS Of Films (4th) 7550 11670 13695
1830-1855 sa,su V of Russia WS VoR Treasure Store 9900 12040
1830-1855 sa    China R Int Listener's Garden 13760
1830-1855 su    China R Int China Horizons 13760

1855~1920 mo    V of Turkey Hues & Colours of Anatolia 9785
1855~1920 tu    V of Turkey Turkish Legendary Figures 9785
1855~1920 we    V of Turkey Letter-box 9785
1855~1920 fr    V of Turkey Ataturk Through Diaries 9785
1855~1920 sa    V of Turkey Legends of Anatolia 9785
1910 1925 mo    All India R GOS Faithfully Yours 7550 11670 13695
1910 1920 we    All India R GOS Book Reading (3rd) 7550 11670 13695
1910-1930 sa,su V of Russia  WS From Moscow With Love 12040
1915~1925 mo    V of Vietnam Vietnam Land & People 7280 9730
1915~1925 we    V of Vietnam Letterbox 7280 9730
1915~1925 fr    V of Vietnam Rural Vietnam 7280 9730
1915~1925 su    V of Vietnam Sunday Show 7280 9730
1920~1940 tu    R Ext de Espana Listener's Club 9665 11620

2005~2020 su    VOIRI/IRIB Listeners Letters 9540 9800 11750 11885
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2015-2025 tu R Tirana Albanian History feature 7465
2015-2025 th R Tirana Around Albania 7465
2015-2025 fr R Tirana Outstanding Personalities 7465
2040~2050 mo R Romania Int Pro Memoria 11880 13800 15220
2045~2055 mo V of Vietnam Vietnam Land & People 7220 7280 9550 9730
2045~2055 we V of Vietnam Letterbox 7220 7280 9550 9730
2045~2055 fr V of Vietnam Rural Vietnam 7220 7280 9550 9730
2045~2055 su V of Vietnam Sunday Show 7220 7280 9550 9730

2100~2200 sa R Ext de Espana Listener's Club 9650
2110-2130 sa KBS World R Worldwide Friendship 3955ske
2120~2145 mo All India R GOS Faithfully Yours 7550 9445 11670
2130 2140 tu All India R GOS Of Persons, Places & Things
              (1st, 3rd, 5th) 7550 9445 11670
2130~2200 su All India R GOS Of Films (4th) 7550 9445 11670

2205-2230 sa,su China R Int Heartbeat 1440lux
2215 2230 mo All India R GOS Faithfully Yours 7550 9445 11670
2215 2225 we All India R GOS Book Reading (3rd) 7550 9445 11670
2215-2245 fr-su R. Cyprus Varied (Greek) 5925 7220 9760
2225~2250 mo V of Turkey Hues & Colours of Anatolia 9830
2225~2250 tu V of Turkey Turkish Legendary Figures 9830
2225~2250 we V of Turkey Letter-box 9830
2225~2250 fr V of Turkey Ataturk Through Diaries 9830
2225~2250 sa V of Turkey Legends of Anatolia 9830
2230-2255 su China R Int Listener's Garden 1440lux
2230-2255 su China R Int China Horizons 1440lux

2305-2355 sa R Ext de Espana Desde el Infierno (SP) 9535 9620 15160
2320~2350 mo R Romania Int Pro Memoria 7435 9540 9790 11940
2320~2350 th R Romania Int Listeners Letterbox 7435 9540 9790 11940
2320~2350 su R Romania Int DX Mailbag 7435 9540 9790 11940
2330 2340 tu All India R GOS Of Persons, Places & Things
              (1st, 3rd, 5th) 9950 11670 13605
2330 2400 su All India R GOS Of Films (4th) 9950 11670 13605
(Alan Roe, July World DX Club Contact, reformatted by gh for DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. World Radio Network North America stream schedule revisions Effective 6/30/12 (cf: http://wrn.org/listeners/)

With the demise of Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW) comes some changes to the World Radio Network ñ North America stream (WRN-NA) schedule:

The 0800-0900 EDT (1200-1300 UT) bloc is now occupied by Deutsche Welle (DW) with the programs scheduled the same as those listed in ìThe Worldwide Listening Guideî for 0400-0500 UT for DW. 0630-0700 EDT (1030-1100 UTC) ñ As a result of DW taking the 0800 slot, Deutsche

Welle (DW) is replaced by Radio Prague (R.Pra); programs broadcast are same as those scheduled 0200-0230 EDT (0600-0630 UTC).

The 1330-1400 EDT (1730-1800 UT) bloc Monday through Friday is now occupied by Radio Slovakia International (RSI) and carries the same programs as the WRN-NA RSI 2030-2100 EDT (0030-0100 UT Tuesday through Saturday) broadcast.

The 1800-1900 EDT (2200-2300 UT) bloc Monday through Friday is now occupied by Radio Sweden (R.Swe) during the first half-hour and Radio Prague (R.Pra) during the second half-hour. The programs broadcast repeat these stationsí 1500-1530 EDT (1900-1930 UT) and 1430-1500 EDT (1830-1900 UT) WRN-NA Monday through Friday schedules, respectively.

Three former Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW) programs apparently survive in the WRN-NA schedule, at least in the short term. RTE Ireland (RTE) loses its 0900-1000 EDT (1300-1400 UT) slot on Saturdays and Sundays only (retaining the Monday through Friday slots) with the program ìThe State Weíre Inî broadcast on Saturdays and ìBridges with Africaî and ìAfrica in Progressî broadcast on Sundays.

The former RNW 1800-1900 EDT (2200-2300 UTC) slot on Saturday and Sundays now carries ìBridges with Africaî and ìAfrica in Progressî on Saturdays and ìThe State Weíre Inî on Sundays.

The following changes in the World Radio Network ñ North America stream (WRN-NA) schedule, necessitated by the demise of Radio Canada International (RCI), took effect on 6/30/12:

Channel Africaís (SABC-CHAF) 0100-0130 EDT (0500-0530) Monday through Friday slot is extended by one half-hour to a full hour of ìAfrica Rise and Shineî. The Indonesian News Agency magazine program ìAsia Callingî now fills the 0130-0200 EDT (0530-0600) slot on Saturdays.

The former RCIís Monday through Friday 0430-0500 EDT (0830-0900 UTC) slot is now occupied by Polish Radio External Service carrying the same programs as during its continuing 1300-1330 EDT (1700-1730 UTC) slot.

The former RCIís Saturday and Sunday 1500-1530 EDT (1900-1930 UTC) slot is now occupied by Channel Africa (SABC-CHAF) which will repeat the same programs that it also currently broadcasts at 0500-0530 EDT (1000-1030 UTC) on Saturday and Sunday respectively (via John A. Figliozzi, http://wwlgonline.com, July 2, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** IRAN. Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, IRIB1. 1026. Tabriz. July 1, 2012. Sunday. 2342-0004. Switched off when Mozambique went off

air at 2210, but awoke for some reason at 2342 and pressed the "Power" button on the Drake, expecting to hear nothing (just habit). Instead, I was rewarded with a Koran recitation. Solo as always, but later followed by other Arabic chanting with a male chorus, presumably not Koran but something else devotional? OM gave an unreadable ID at 0000, followed by nice Iranian music including an ud recital, and songs. No readable ID heard, but EAMWG suggests it was most probably Iran, 100 kW from Tabriz, 24 hour. Slowly varying from fair-poor in a slow (several minutes) cycle. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

This is my second middle-eastern medium-wave station in two days (had BSKSA on June 30, see that log). Great medium wave propagation in this region at present.

Log from South Africa. Tentative Iran IRIB1, MW 1026, confirmed. Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, IRIB1. 1116 Bandar Lengeh // 1026 Tabriz. July 3, 2012. Tuesday. 0020-0044. Arabic (Persian?) song and music, followed by OM and YL talking. Poor. Jo'burg sunrise 0456.

IRIB1. 1026 Tabriz // 1116 Bandar Lengeh. July 3, 2012. Tuesday. 0026-0044. Arabic (Persian ?) song and music, followed by OM and YL talking. // 1116 confirms my "most probably" log of July 1. Poor. Jo'burg sunrise 0456 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. It has been noticed that Iran has begun to jam Radio Farda again, not with annoying noise but with co-channel programming from IRIB-1 (Radio Iran). At my QTH, IRIB is dominant around 2300 as of 11 June (Laszlo Tringer, Hungary, 12 June, mediuwmave.info via Medium Wave Report, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) WTFK? (gh) R. Farda`s two high-power MW frequencies are from Dhabbaya, UAE on 1314 and 1575 kHz (Tony Rogers, ed., ibid.)

** IRAN. New additional frequencies of VOIRI/IRIB:
1930-2327 on 6010 KAM 500 kW / non-dir to CeAs in Azeri, alt. 5940
2130-0127 on 7325 SIR 500 kW / 270 deg to N/ME in Arabic, alt. 7360
2230-0057 on 7405 KAM 500 kW / 058 deg to CeAs in Tajik
2330-0027 on 6005 KAM 500 kW / non-dir to N/ME in Kurdish, alt. 6010
2330-0327 on 6010 SIR 500 kW / 336 deg to CeAs in Azeri, alt. 6005/7205
0030-0127 on 9650 SIR 500 kW / 310 deg to N/ME in Turkish
(DX Re Mix News July 3 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. VOA TV TO IRAN STREAMING ON LIVESTATION
PRESS RELEASE 03.07.2012

Iranians can now watch all of their favorite Voice of America TV shows online with Livestation, a 24 hour a day streaming platform that

brings together news programs from around the world.

Viewers in Iran and elsewhere can simply go to http://www.livestation.com and select ëVOA Persianí from the list of regional channels. The site is free and can also be accessed on smart phones as well as an iPhone app.

VOA Executive Editor Steve Redisch says placement of VOAís Persian Service on the streaming site marks a step forward in the delivery of our programs to the people of Iran. ìNew research from Gallup shows Internet use is growing in Iran and many people have web access in their homes. It makes sense for us to take advantage of new distribution opportunities,î Redisch says.

Earlier this year the Persian Service rolled out a new lineup of television programs including Inside the USA, which highlights aspects of American life and institutions. In addition to direct-to-home satellite, viewers of many popular VOA programs, including the satirical shows Parazit or OnTen, turn to Facebook, YouTube and other social media sites to watch the programs on demand.

With Livestation, viewers will have increased access to all the VOA Persian Service shows. Livestation aggregates dozens of television news programs from around the world in different languages. The channels can be watched for free via the Livestation website, a desktop player, a free smartphone app that presents all the channels on one interface, or through other mobile phone apps.

The latest audience data from Iran indicates VOA Persian TV has a weekly audience of more than 21 percent, making it one of the most popular international broadcasters in the country (VOA PR via DXLD)

Autolaunched jerky Aljazeera English stream without selecting something else. Several other major international broadcasters are there. Would Iran have to block them all in order to block VOA? Including Lua Lua TV in Arabish; where is that? Alternates timezones in lower right corner, including ``GMT`` one hour fast, and I don`t think it`s because of misunderstanding my own computer settings. Also for BAH, and yes it`s Bahrain, ``an alternative to state run TV``. Livestation worth further exploration (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. MOLDOVA, 7460, R. Payem e-Doost (via Moldova) 0246 talks by M and W in Farsi with instrumental music bridge between features. Mentions of Iran, democracie, and United States. Long talk by same W over piano music 0308-0314, then fanfare and off. No ID noted but did hear it at 0230 the next night. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 6973, Galei Zahal, 2345-2400, July 3, English rap music. Traditional local music. Hebrew talk. Weak but readable. // 15850 - fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ITALY. During a visit to Venice I can confirm that Challenger Radio, 1368 kHz, is no longer on the air (Allen Dean, Burnley, UK, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** JAPAN [and non]. 9750 with fast SAH and 11815 with CCI from REE/Costa Rica, July 2 at 1233, NHK Japanese service direct with trax from ``West Side Story`` including ``I Feel Pretty``, ``Officer Krupke``, sounds like original cast recording. I must say it requires a good command of American slang and `50s culture to appreciate Officer Krupke. Depend on NHK for good taste in western music; only wish reception were better. Can you imagine any US SW station, even VOA, devoting time to playing West Side Story? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11880, 01/Jul 2200, Chile (Relay) R Japan in Portuguese. End program with good signal. Interval signal to 2203 and carrier unmodulated to 2206 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15265, NHK in Japanese with telephonic interview by OM/YL. Local signal: QRK 5. No QRM. 2244-2248 UTC, This is via Bonaire??? 73 from Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

Yes, 170 degrees but VG signal here too (gh, OK, DXLD)

Shortwave reception for several days has generally been lousy for me in Dallas. But I sat down this afternoon, with blue skies and bright sun, and turned on my portable receiver between 5 and 6 p.m. CDT (2200 to 2300 GMT) to tune some favorite Latin American stations. Things were still sunny in Dallas but the Grey Line had already crossed most of South America, which was thus in darkness. At 2200 I tuned Japan's NHK service on 15265 kHz from Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, an island in the south Caribbean just north of Venezuela. NHK's signal was beamed to the large Japanese population which lives in S. America. My S-Meter (10 scale) registered 7-8 steadily from 2200-2215 GMT with a robust, clear signal (in Japanese) (Grayson Watson in Dallas, TX using a portable Sangean 909x with an Apex700DTA active antenna, July 4, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. Radio Japan continues to be heard daily at 1600-1630 UTC on our AIR Twin Cities FM Rainbow Hyderabad 101.9 MHz. They are announcing that now these test broadcasts are now available on AIR Jaipur also on 100.3 MHz. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS,

National Institute of Amateur Radio, July 2, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** JORDAN. CCIR TV channel 4, 1430 June 11, news in Arabic, read by beautiful lady; logo is on right side of screen, a king`s crown; also 1129 UT June 10, discussion by two OM, and a woman in burka (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, B&W TV set, 50 cm diagonal, and another 31 cm, dipole wire antenna of 2.8 metres, Beyond the Horizon, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

By sporadic-E. The only Band I JTV station listed in WRTH 2012 is on channel 3; possibly incomplete, tho normally only lower-power outlets are omitted (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KALININGRAD. New MW QSL (Kaliningrad) --- 1215, (European Russia), received very nice full detail QSL card in 5 months (150 days) for CD report. V/S Unreadable, but tx site is listed as Bolshokovo and program was VoR in Russian. Address: Kaliningrad Regional Centre, 184, Sovetsky prt, Kaliningrad 236023, Russia. I am very pleased with this one. Last month Moldova 1413. Thanks to Bruce Portzer on the info. MW QSL 3031 (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KGED QSL Manager, HCDX via DXLD)

** KENYA. ?? Kenya Broadcasting Corporation ?? 1152 Wajir ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1804-1814. Sounds like Swahili, and news. Several jingle-type IDs for "KBC Radio something ??" (sounds like Kybar or Taibar, or similar). Kenya BC listed in Euro-African MW Guide. Poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH KOREA. 9730, 0623-, Voice of Korea, Jun 15. English programming to north-east Asia at poor to fair level. Measure on 9729.969 kHz. Usual drivel! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15180, 0442-, Voice of Korea, Jun 17. Don't often remember to listen to VOK in English during our evenings. Excellent reception on actual frequency of 15179.97 with only a minor transmitter buzz. // to 13760 (fair/good), 11735 (fair). Listed to N/C/S America (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ex-0100

** KOREA NORTH [non]. QSL: Clandestine, R. FREE NORTH KOREA - Il rapporto spedito all'indirizzo P.O. Box 92 - Mok-dong - Yangcheon-gu - Seoul 158-600 (Corea del Sud) Ë tornato indietro come "Unclaimed" (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD) Isn`t it Free Radio North Korea? (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINE, 9950, Nippon no Kaze (via Taiwan). Signal already on at 1258, program start 1300 with instrumental music then talk by W in what sounded like Japanese to 1302. Music bridge then presumed Korean talk by deep-voiced M to 1309. Long talk by same W to 1319, Japanese-sounding music, possible ID at 1323 by W. Spelled out address at 1326:00, and gave e-mail address at 1327. Weak but finally able to hear this one. (27 June)

CLANDESTINE, 9950, Furusato no Kaze (via Taiwan). No break in transmission. Went immediately into this program after Nippon no Kaze ended at 1330. Opening with W announcer in what sounded like Japanese. (27 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Dave, Excellent selection of very fine receptions! A few comments below. Fortunately these programs about North Korean abductions of Japanese citizens are provided for by the Japanese government; therefore they are immune from N. Korea jamming, which is not the case with the privately funded COMJAN programming also about abduction issues carried via Shiokaze.

Per website http://www.rachi.go.jp/en/shisei/radio/index.html :

ìThis program is provided by the Japanese government through shortwave radio broadcast to the Japanese abductees who are still kept captive in North Korea. Its content, updated weekly, includes information on concrete measures of the government to resolve the abduction issue, situation surrounding North Korea, messages from families and friends of the abductees, as well as familiar Japanese songs.

The program is broadcasted in Japanese (titled "Furusato no Kaze") and Korean (titled "il bon ue baram [Nippon no Kaze]") . . .î

BTW ñ About Shiokaze: ìExpense: Annual expense for transmission costs about $63157. At least $157,894 for production and management cost. All the expense is covered by the donation and contribution.î
http://www.chosa-kai.jp/SWR.html
but these figures must be outdated by now (Ron Howard, San Francisco, Calif., ibid.)

** KOREA SOUTH. You could win a trip to South Korea with KBS World. They are running an essay writing competition but you`ll need to be quick as the closing date is 15 July. Full details start at
http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/event/discoverkorea_2012/index.htm
(Chrissy Brand, Webwatch, July BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD) Viz.:
http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/event/discoverkorea_2012/sub01.htm

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. 9650, July 1 at 1250, KBS World Radio via CANADA continues, about a Korean singer named Kim ñ and no clicking audio artifacts for a change! A fluke, or have they finally fixed it?

9650, July 5 at 1200, KBS World Radio still opening English via CANADA [where and when will they go from there?], atop but not by much, arch-nemesis V. of Korea Japanese service, 200 kW, 109 degrees from Kujang per Aoki, protracted opening with Kim hymn. Usually KBS is far enough above this one here, and probably will gain as hour proceeds, but reports further west complain it`s even, or even worse (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15540, June 29 at 1831, R. Kuwait is again in proper language, English during brief newscast; fair signal. At 2057 still the English service with Western pop music; 2058.5 sign-off still giving imaginary 05-08 UT English on 15110, and wrong frequency for the 18-21, ``11990``.

Back-timed so military band NA would end just in time for 2100 timesignal, switch to Arabic news theme which was cut off before news could begin this time. I sort of hope the s/off with all that years-out-of-date info is canned, as that would be slightly less reprehensible than some clueless announcer rereading it live every night; but still inexcusable.

15540, July 1 at 2050, R. Kuwait has resumed news headlines in English, soon followed by more rock music, sign-off, into Arabic until 2101.5* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, Vientiane. ëThis is the Lao National Radio broadcasting from the Vientiane capitol, the Lao Peopleís Democratic Republic, our news in English programme broadcast at 21 to 2130 hours local time dailyÖ 567 kilohertz medium wave and on am 6130 kilohertz shortwaveí. Fair at 1400 on 14/6 splash from CNR1 6125. French at 1430 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and Folded Dipole), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

¶ Excellent signal 1200, gong for 7 oíclock local, fanfare, news in Lao, 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, ibid.)

** LESOTHO. Family Radio relay, 1197 Maseru. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1818-1820. Preacher talking about Aaron's beard. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Lesotho, 639 Maseru. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1706-1710. SeSotho. Sounds like a radio play. Poor and buzzy, local (Jo'burg) QRN. Also splash from Radio Pulpit, 2 channels up on 657. Jo'burg

sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. 11900, 0209-, Rhein-Main Radio Club, Jun 16. The special broadcast repeated tonight is again heard, but this time without any problems. Started promptly at 0200 in English. Good reception mostly (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11900, Rhein-Main-Radio-Club EDXC special broadcast via Sitkunai (100 kW) verified an electronic report in 1 day with a full sized PDF attachment that provided broadcast schedule but not specific reported details from Dr. Harald Gabler, RMRC CEO. Two days later, I full data (name, date, time listened, frequency and site) Word 2003 document reply from Michael Haun, RMRC Treasurer for my report to their website in 12 days noting in his e-mail that my report was "highly appreciated and confirmed" (Rich D'Angelo-PA-USA, DXplorer June 25 via BC-DX June 29 via DXLD)

Rhein-Main-Radio-Club Postal QSL Card. I received a "proper" postal reply from Rhein-Main-Radio-Club via Sitkunai for their special broadcast from Sitkunai, Lithuania after last week's electronic reply.

The card featured a photo of attendees in a meeting room presumably during one of the sessions. The card is in German with the date of the broadcast and time of my reception penned in the appropriate places. The card had two frequencies (6180 / 11900) with the incorrect frequency crossed out. I believe this card may have been in response to my report to their website the day of the transmission but I can not be certain of that. I did not expect a postal reply after last week`s electronic response.

Victor, there is hope for the proper Lithuanian QSL! 73, (Rich D'Angelo-PA-USA, DXplorer June 26 via BC-DX via DXLD) See USA: WWBS

** MADAGASCAR. 22-JUN-2012, Reference Table Freq. Management Org. 22-JUN-2012: add: MGB, Malagasy Global Business S.A. (MDG) (Wolfgang B¸schel, June 25, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 29 via DXLD)

What`s this --- the successor to RNW at Talata, and/or involved with still incomplete MWV? (gh, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 6135.00, R. Madagasikara, 1342-1405, June 30. For a long time was formerly on 6135.2. In DXLD 12-24 (ìKOREA NORTH [non]. 6135, Shiokazeî) I speculated that this was now on the exact frequency, but was unable to confirm while Shiokaze was present, but today Shiokaze (scheduled *1330-1430*) moved to 5985.0 (now blocking Myanmar [5985.84] and causing a het). In French; speeches with applause; some audio problems with segments very muffled, but mostly

had good audio; 1356 IDs and ads; via long path. MP3 audio posted at https://www.box.com/s/326a6cf66ebe36269d20
Rather surprised to find them doing so well (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAWI. Malawi Broadcasting Corporation, Radio 1, 540 Mangochi, // 756. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1904-1912. Chichewa, OM talking but unreadable. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

MBC Radio One, 756 Blantyre. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1714-1717. Chichewa. OM's talking, id "MBC Radio One" at 1715. Fair, but buzzy local (Jo'burg) QRN. // 594 not heard. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

MBC Radio One, 594 Lilongwe // 756 Blantyre. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1711-1718. Chichewa. Missing from my medium wave trawl on June 28, but in now. OM's and a YL talking, sounds newsy. Fair, better than usual for Malawi. // 756 slightly better. Jo'burg sunset 1528 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM ID jingle at tune-in 1027. Pop/Dance music with studio M host in English. "Mickey" by Toni Basil. Contest about the top 3 bands in Malaysia. Many quick IDs by live studio M announcer. 1100 time ticks, then news by W announcer 1109+. Fairly clear at first but fading. (25 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** MALI. 5995, RTVM, 2340-0001*, June 30-July 1, local tribal music. Afro-pop music. French announcements. Sign off with National Anthem at 0000. Modulation stronger than usual, but still weak.

5995, RTVM, *0559-0610, July 5, sign on with flute IS at 0559. Vernacular talk at 0601. Local tribal music at 0602. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MALI. No hint of China Radio International s/on in English on 11640 or 13630. Aoki, EiBi & Primetime list this -- EiBi shows English 2000-2130 on 13630, the others show *2100 English (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. Tim Hall posted extensive MW logs from his road trip along I-10 from San Diego to New Orleans and back, with some side trips to Big Bend, etc. Lots of format, ID info. I have arbitrarily excerpted most of his Mexican logs, except for unIDs with no clues, and left in a few SS US stations which might be mextaken. Altho Tim

obviously knows Spanish well, there were no accents in his report, so I had to put them all in --- may have missed a few on unfamiliar proper names. See USA for link to his entire logs including HAR/TIS and others

ALL TIMES LOCAL: MST = UT -7 while in AZ [only a few]; MDT = UT-6 around El Paso, CDT = UT-5 elsewhere in TX & LA. Tim also prefers GMT for his logs, but changed all his items to local time as supposedly required by ABDX, only to find out he didn`t need to (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Although I prefer to keep my loggings in GMT, I'm primarily submitting these to the ABDX list where local time is more common. Apologies for any conversion errors that may creep in to the following logs. Also, I'm entering these logs into a laptop with a very bad keyboard with several keys that don't make good contact, and I'm dealing with Microsoft Word wanting to "auto-correct" various Spanish words into English cognates.

These were my first real Mexican DX sessions in many years, and the results were quite enjoyable. Right away I noticed two things that have changed since my previous sessions, both of which are very helpful to the DXer:

1. An enormous increase in FM simulcasts, providing extra "insurance" that you are hearing what you think you're hearing (e.g., on 1240 kHz, did you log XEVM or XEBN? The FM simulcast frequency can sometimes give you extra assurance that you got it right).

2. An increased tendency to include state anthems alongside the national anthem. Many of these state anthems are very similar to the national anthem in style (tempo, meter, even key signature) but contain numerous references to the state in question. The anthem for Veracruz is especially easy to identify, with its chorus of "Ver-a-CRUZ, Ver-a-CRUZ!" 73, Tim Hall

Loggings from the road (Toyota car radio - all were logged during the day between 6/16 and today [sic]):

540, XETX, CHIH, Nuevo Casas Grandes. 6/17 1 pm MDT. This one really gets out well. Big signal into El Paso and audible much farther east than that during the day. Now simulcasting FM. Slogan "90.5 la mera mera, la ranchera de paquime." Be careful, because KWFT-TX uses a very similar slogan "la poderosa, la mera mera."

720, XEJCC, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez ex-1520 with banda. Gets out really well, as do the other Spanish language stations on 720. I wish I had paid attention more closely along the way to where XEJCC, XEDE and

KSAH's coverage areas began and ended.

[I was interested in your note on XEJCC on 720, one of a number of odd listings a few years ago in advance in the FCC data base. When I was in El Paso on a couple of occasions, their musical format appeared to be long, loud, shouting, growling rock music that seemed like it had been recorded at an inmate concert in an asylum. Lyrics were in English but announcements were in Spanish. I'd never heard that kind of music before or since, and I wondered what the genre is called. John Callarman, possibly an ex-DX'er, Krum, TX, later, ibid.]

730, XESOS, SON, Agua Prieta - this nomadic station (ex-1350, 1140, 670) has stayed put on 730 for a while now. Still "Radio Uno."

790, XESU, BCN, Mexicali "La din·mica 105.9 FM"

1080, XEDY, SON, San LuÌs Rio Colorado is now simulcasting an FM 10?.1.

1340, XEAA, BCN, Mexicali "La major de la m˙sica, la doble A de Mexicali."

Loggings from Fort Davis, TX (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop, 2 mini-beverages (710 ft. aimed S, 615 ft. aimed SSE) and a longwire (235 ft. aimed E)) - All dates/times are CDT:

560, XESRD, Durango, Santiago Papasquiaro 6/18 0150 "La tremenda." Noted again the next day with mention of 10 kW.

580, XEFI, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/18 0522 "EstÈreo Mexicana."

590, UNID, 6/17 2148 "M·s impacto", mentioned an FM simulcast but I missed the frequency.

610, XEBX, COAH, Sabinas 6/18 2028 Sabinas weather. Noted frequently in this part of Texas including during the day from many locations.

620, XEBU, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/19 1410 "La norteÒita," mentioned 91.7 FM.

640, XEJUA, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/18 1300 ID mentioned 5 kW, "Milenio radio."

640, XEHHI, CHIH, Hidalgo del Parral 6/18 0547 "Radio Uno."

650, XETNT, SIN, Los Mochis 6/17 2201 Jingles and IDs. Gets out well.

660, XEEY, AGUA, Aguascalientes 6/18 0455 Full ID and mention of

Grupo RadiofÛnico. Later noted with "La caliente 102.9" slogan.

660, XEACB, CHIH, Cd. Delicias 6/17 2009. "La lupe, 98.9 FM, 6-60 AM." Later used slogan "ACB Radio."

670, XETOR, COAH, TorreÛn 6/19 0602 "R. Ranchito, 1 kW, TorreÛn, CoahuilaÖ"

670, XEIS, JAL, Cd. Guzman 6/19 2340 ID and slogan "La consentida deÖ"

680, XEFO, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/18 2106 "Extasis digital 6-80."

680, XEORO SIN, Guasave 6/18 0005 PSAs, slogans "La mera jefa de Guasave, la lÌder en Sinaloa."

690, XEST, SIN, Mazatlan / XERG, NL, Monterrey, 6/17 2112 "Radio Red" (XEST) mixing with "R-G la deportiva" (XERG) tonight.

700, XEDKR, JAL, Guadalajara 6/18 2300 "Radio red, Guadalajara, 700 kHz, Grupo RadiofÛnicoÖ"

700, UNID, 6/18 0503 Mumbly announcer with low, slow ID: "X__W(?), 1 mil watts, 700 kHzÖ"

720, XEDE, COAH, Saltillo 6/18 2305 ID mentioned 8 kW, "La Palabra," "Espacio."

730, XEHB, CHIH, Hidalgo del Parral 6/17 2114 Very good signal with "Radio Viva Villa" slogan. Later announced power of 50 kW. This one has been logged from home recently.

750, XEOH, CHIH, Cd. Camargo 6/17 2153 "La pantera"

770, XEATH, NL, Monterrey 6/17 2115 "Radio FÛrmula Monterrey" [Isn`t it still XEACH? Also logged further down as XEATH]

780, XEWGR COAH, Monclova 6/17 2102 "Exa FM". Later ID mentioned 10 kW.

790, XEBI, AGUA, Aguascalientes 6/17 2306 ID and mention of Grupo Radio Rama. Later mentioned slogan "la estaciÛn que da las noticias" and mentioned an FM simulcast.

810, XESB, CHIH, Santa B·rbara 6/17 2025 "La Mexicana."

820, XEBA, JAL, Guadalajara 6/18 0613 "Estamos en el aireÖ XEBA, 820 kHz, desde Guadalajara, JaliscoÖ" Noted later with slogans "la

consentida" and "la ___ rom·ntica."

830, XEIK, COAH, Piedras Negras 6/18 2055 Jingle ID "100.9 FM es mi estaciÛn, la norteÒita." (New FM simulcast). Noted again later mixing with XEITE.

880, XEV, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/17 2027 Radio FÛrmula (XERFR), 6/17 2253 played the Chihuahua state anthem.

880, XETC, COAH, TorreÛn 6/18 0607 Local ads.

900, XEDT, CHIH, Cd. CuauhtÈmoc 6/17 2310 "La estaciÛn de los hits, Hits FM 98.3."

940, XEYJ, COAH, Nueva Rosita 6/18 2032 with ID. Noted often.

990, XET, NL, Monterrey 6/18 2040 Political ads, f˙tbol news and IT.

1030, XESDD, BCN, "Ensenada" (really Tijuana) 6/17 2325 "XESDD, La tremenda, Ensenada, Baja California Norte, MÈxico." This one is getting out a lot better than it used to.

1030, XEQR, DF, MÈxico 6/19 0620 "Radio Centro 10-30"

1040, XEHES, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/17 2250 state government program "La Hora de Chihuahua." Later mentioned EstÈreo Vida, an FM affiliate in the local Radiorama group.

1080, XETOL, MEX, Toluca 6/17 2125 Local ads for Estado de MÈxico. Noted several times putting up a good fight against KRLD.

1090, XEAU, NL, Monterrey 6/19 0615 "Milenio radio"

1100, XETGO ZAC, Tlatenango 6/17 2118 Political ads, "Radio CaÒÛn" slogan.

1110, XELEO, GJTO, Leon 6/17 2119 "La rancherita 105.1 FM y 1110 AM."

1140, XEMR, NL, Monterrey 6/17 2040 "Radio Esperanza". The original "Radio Esperanza" on 1140 is in Colombia, but their Facebook page confirms they are relayed on XEMR-1140. Also mentioned Grupo Radio AlegrÌa. [thus de-identifying what I had on 1140 as COLOMBIA -- gh]

1150, XEAD, JAL, Guadalajara 6/18 0515 ID, mentioned 50 kW.

1150, XEXM, ZAC, Jerez 6/17 2038 Faded up nicely for ID "Grupo RadiofÛnico M·gico."

1180, XEDCT, CHIH, Cd. Delicias 6/17 2121 "Radio Delicias."

1190, XEWK, JAL, Guadalajara 6/18 0610 "W de Guadalajara."

1230, KLTO, TX, Del Rio 6/18 2000, ID "KLTO, AM 12-30, Èxitos latinos, la estaciÛn que dominar·(?) en la frontera"

1230, XEEX, SIN, Culiac·n / XEIZ, NL, Monterrey 6/17 2100 Both Radio FÛrmula stations were in with big signals tonight, causing an echo effect.

1230, UNID, 6/19 0700 Mexican anthem, faded, probably XEEX whose ID was noted about 10 minutes later.

1240, XERO, AGUA, Aguascalientes 6/18 2258 Mention of 98.9 FM simulcast.

1240, XEBN, CHIH, Cd. Delicias 6/17 2104 Good with "antena 12-40" slogan.

1240, XEWG, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/19 0700 There are 3 stations with Mexican anthems at 0700 CDT. The one with the children's chorus is XEWG. The very long version of the anthem is apparently XEBN, and the relatively average one is XEVM.

1240, XEVM, COAH, Piedras Negras 6/18 2030 "Est·s escuchando XEVM 1240 kHz, XHVM 95.7 MHz."

1260, XEOG, CHIH, Ojinaga 6/17-6/19 noted from time to time with "la primera" slogan.

1340, XERCH, CHIH, Ojinaga 6/17 1742 with baseball. We were in this station's coverage area for about 4 days, and I eventually realized they were simulcasting XEDP-710. This means they can be identified easily by listening for XEDP's telltale jingle "Radio D-P, la ranchera de CuauhtÈmoc." (Currently XEDP and most other stations are running less music than normal, in favor of election-themed programming).

1340, XEDKT, JAL, Guadalajara 6/17 2107 "Radio Ranchito me gusta m·s." This station was logged often on the S wire which had a nice tight lobe to Aguascalientes and Jalisco. A later ID mentioned 5 kW.

1450, XEARE, CHIH, Ojinaga 6/17 1745. "Radio Peguis 14-50" slogans and contemporary music.

1450, XENA, QTRO, QuerÈtaro 6/17 2045 "Su m˙sica favorita todo el dÌa, Yo FM 104.9." This was probably the best catch of the whole vacation.

1450, XECU, SIN, Los Mochis 6/19 0627 "91.7 FM y AM 14-50, la rancherita, XECU." These guys really get out.

1450, XERDO TAMA, Rio Bravo 6/18 2007 "En Rio Bravo, la radio 14-50" (main slogan is "la radio").

1480, UNID, 6/19 0001 "M·s fuerte, m˙sica norteÒa, la 14-80"

1490, XECJC, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/18 2025 local ads. Also runs a Spanish language religious program or two in the early evenings.

1490, XEMS, TAMA, Matamoros 6/18 2057 "La Mexicana, la superestaciÛn de Matamoros."

1500, XEFL, GJTO, Guanajuato 6/17 2103 Good with ad mentioning "aquÌ en Guanajuato capital".

1510, XEQI, NL, Escobedo, 6/19 0002 "R. Nuevo LeÛn, XEQI 1510 AM" then into state anthem for Nuevo LeÛn, which unlike most other state anthems I heard on this trip, was a different tempo (slower than) the national anthem.

1610, XEUACH, DF, MÈxico, 6/17 2047 R. Chapingo has an enormous signal all over west Texas in the early evenings. They sign off a few minutes after 2100 CDT.

Loggings from Chisos Mountain Lodge, Big Bend National Park, TX (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop):

560, XEXZ, ZAC, Zacatecas 6/19 2311 Mexican anthem, ID "XEXZ AM / FM, lupe 93.3."

800, XEROK, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/19 2120 Ad for Zaragoza restaurant followed by ID and R. CaÒÛn slogan. It would have been very easy to mis-ID this as the station from Zaragoza, Coahuila!

840, UNID, 6/20 0600 State anthem (unknown), "la ___ mas ___ XE__, ___ FM, 840 AM, 10 kWÖ Papantla?" XEIO Chiapas seems the most likely match, but XEFG Celaya GJTO would be another possibility if they have raised power.

980, XENR, COAH, Nueva Rosita 6/20 2300 "La N-R 980"

1230, XEIZ, NL, Monterrey 6/19 2015 "Radio FÛrmula Monterrey 12-30 AM."

1240, XEBN, CHIH, Cd. Delicias 6/20 2025 "AquÌ en Cd. DeliciasÖ"

1240, XEWG, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/20 0624 "XEWG, cambio 12-40."

1240, XEVM, COAH, Piedras Negras 6/19 2335 ID, "la estaciÛn del amor" slogan. Noted later promoting "la cadena deportiva Grupo 7" and mentions of simulcast on XHVM-95.7.

1270, KFLC, TX, Fort Worth 6/21 0001 "La Voz Del Pueblo"

1340, XEDH, COAH, Cd. AcuÒa 6/21 0701 IDs seemed to be mentioning a new FM simulcast on 91.? Could be easy to confuse with XENV.

1340, XEDKT, JAL, Guadalajara 6/19 2335 Noted frequently with "La rancherita" slogans.

1340, XENV, NL, Monterrey 6/19 2330 Mention of simulcast on 91.7.

1340, XEBK, TAMA, Nuevo Laredo 6/20 2021 "La mera que pega, 95.7"

1400, KIUN, TX, Pecos 6/19, 2110 Still running "Spanglish" programming in the evenings, with a mix of Spanish and English in both the announcements and the ads.

1490, XECJC, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/20 0716 "informaciÛn total" (not sure if this is really a new slogan though...)

1610, XEUACH, DF, MÈxico 6/20 2102 Fanfare, male announcer talking about the university, ID and sign-off.

Loggings from Pecos, TX (all times CDT):

1240, XERO, AGUA, Aguascalentes 6/22 0619 "La invasora" as noted from Big Bend NP a few days earlier.

1340, XEDKR, JAL, Guadalajara 6/22 0610 Usual jingle "Radio Ranchito me gusta m·s."

1450, XERDO TAMA, Valle Hermoso 6/22 0602 Mexican anthem, sign-on, mentioned 5 kW.

Loggings from Comanche, TX:

840, XEPV, VER, Papantla 6/23 State anthem ("Veracruz, VeracruzÖ") ID for AM & FM.

[Clarification: 840 - the state anthem was not "Veracruz, Veracruz," But I have to wonder if XEPV was mixing in at some point. (Next time I go on a trip like this, I'll see if I can find YouTubes of all the state anthems and study them before I leave home. I dart around so

much at the top of the hour that I rarely have the recorder going...)]

860, XENL, NL, Monterrey 6/23 0618 Long string of local ads.

880, XETC, COAH, TorreÛn 6/23 0603 State anthem, faded during announcements.

890, XEAK, GJTO, Ac·mbaro 6/23 0612 Mexican anthem, "XEAK La consentidaÖ"

930, WKY, OK, Oklahoma City 6/23 0620 "Tu radio."

950, XERN, NL, Montemorelos 6/23 0625 "Radio Naranjera, la mera mera, 100.9."

1100, XEBV, GJTO, MoroleÛn 6/23 0611 "Est·s escuchando desde ____, Guanajuato, Radio AlegrÌa, 95.7 FM, 1100 AM."

1130, XETOL, MEX, Toluca 6/23 0633 Political ads for Estado de MÈxico followed by ID.

1230, XEIZ, NL, Monterrey 6/3 0628 Radio FÛrmula Monterrey.

1610, XEUACH, DF, MÈxico 6/22 2030 Strong even this far north with contemporary music programming and sign-off a few minutes after 9 pm CDT as usual.

Up next: logs from Houston and Baton Rouge (mostly routine, but one or two good loggings), Junction (rolled out the mini-bevs at the motel and got a few more good XE loggings), then Van Horn (lousy/noisy), Benson AZ (ditto) and the road. 73 Tim Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry July 2

Loggings from the road (Mexia to Houston, TX, midday 6/24):

540, KWFT, TX, Ferris "La poderosa, la mera mera" - be careful not to confuse this with XETX, "la ranchera de Paquime, la mera mera"

Loggings from the road (Houston, TX to Baton Rouge, LA midday 6/25, and back from Baton Rouge to Houston midday 6/28):

590, XEFD, TAMA, Rio Bravo "La Mejor"

620, XEGH, TAMA, Rio Bravo mentioning FM 89.1.

1450, KIKR, TX, Beaumont "La grande" - seemed to be // 1510 Nederland at times.

Loggings from the road Junction to Van Horn, TX midday 6/30:

Coahuila stations audible middays along I-10: XEFI-580, XEBX-610, XEZR-800 "La traviesa" 2 kW, XEIK-830 and XERF-1570Ö maybe a trace of the station on 650 but I'm not 100% sure about thatÖ

Loggings from the road Van Horn, TX to Benson, AZ midday 7/1:

860, XEZOL, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez slogan "8-60 radio noticias"

920, KBNA, TX, El Paso "Ke Buena", mentioned FM 95.7(?)

Loggings from Mexia, TX (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop) - all times CDT:

690, XEN, DF, MÈxico 6/24 0558 "Grupo Radio Centro"

830, XEITE, DF, MÈxico 6/24 0557 Mexican anthem, "Radio Capital"

990, UNID, 6/23 2154 Sign-off with a state anthem (not "Veracruz, Veracruz"), ID sounded like "XEIGÖ diez mil wattsÖ XHIGÖ" and possible mention of Michoac·n before playing the Mexican national anthem. XEID is the closest match for the calls and announced power, but XEID does not have an FM station, and the state anthem was not that of Veracruz, so something seems to have changed on this channel?

1090, XEIL, VER, Veracruz 6/24 0609 Long version of Mexican anthem, followed by Veracruz state anthem. Faded during ID.

1110, XERED, DF, MÈxico 6/24 0605 "La Red"

1120, XETR, SLP, Cd. Valles 6/24 0603 "Un nuevo diaÖ Radio Panor·mica"

1240, XEVM, COAH, Piedras Negras 6/24 0559 Mexican anthem, ID "XEVMÖ la estaciÛn del amorÖ"

1340, KOLE, TX, Port Arthur, 6/23 2110 Ad (in Spanish) for car dealer in Beaumont.

1340, UNID, 6/23 2235 "La mera mera" - only listed match is XEQE Escuinapa, SIN, which seems unlikely from East-Central Texas.

Loggings from Houston, TX (SE side of town) - ICF-2010, Kiwa Pocket Loop - all times CDT:

600, UNID, 6/29 0558 Mexican anthem, "est·s escuchando XE__.... CentroÖ. MontanaÖ" Maybe XEMN Monterrey? [maybe said ``regiomontana`` which is the adjective form of Monterrey --- gh]

690, XERG, NL, Monterrey 6/29 0600 Mexican anthem and ID.

710, XEDP, 6/29 0602 Mexican anthem, military music, man reciting something called "Soy soldado" ("I am a soldier" if I remember correctly), then finally the familiar jingle "la ranchera de CuauhtÈmoc."

710, UNID, 6/28 2300 State anthem (I believe it was Coahuila), slogan "Radio I_____" (sounded like Idolos). Mixing with KGNC (Rangers baseball) and possibly KURV (Fox News).

780, XEWGR COAH, Monclova 6/29 0603 Mexican anthem, male announcer "Buenos dÌas, CoahuilaÖ."

Loggings from Baton Rouge, LA (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop); conditions at the hotel were lousy; I was able to get some better conditions from the roof of the downtown parking garage when I took my wife to her bowling tournament (her team drew the short straw, and got the 11:30pm start time, allowing me an hour of late evening DX from downtown). All times CDT:

1280, XEAW, NL, Monterrey 6/26 2336 Good signals over WODT with weather forecast for Monterrey.

1570, XERF, COAH, Cd. AcuÒa 6/28 0605 Coahuila state anthem, which is rhythmically similar to the Mexican national anthem. This station was audible midday across a good chunk of west Texas, but the best midday signal actually belonged to XEFI-580.

Loggings from Junction, TX (ICF-2010, 710 ft. mini-beverage running roughly E-ESE, 615 ft. running roughly E-ENE, and 235 ft. roughly N) - all times CDT:

560, XESRD, DGO, Santiago Papasquiaro 6/30 0526 "La tremenda"

590, XEPH, DF, MÈxico 6/30 0542 Phone contest promo, used secondary slogan "la m·s caliente, 590 kHzÖ"

650, XETNT, SIN, Los Mochis 6/30 0622 Jingle and ID.

660, UNID, 6/30 0602 2 stations running the Mexican anthem. This channel is like a graveyard channel in Mexico. A few minutes later I had IDs from XEEY Aguascalientes ("La caliente 102.9") and XEDTL Mexico DF (mentioned 50 kW, public station in IMER network).

670, XEIS, JAL, Cd. Guzm·n 6/30 0603 "Buenos dÌas, JaliscoÖ"

690, XEN, DF, MÈxico 6/29 2148 "Grupo Radio Centro"

700, XEDKR, JAL, Guadalajara 6/30 0545 "Radio Red"

750, XECSI, SIN, Culiac·n 6/30 0610 "…xtasis digital, 89.5 FM, 750 AMÖ"

780, XESFT/XEMTS, TAMA, San Fernando/Tampico 6/30 0557 Both stations ran the Mexican anthem. XEMTS used "Radio FÛrmula" slogan (XERFR feed) and XESFT used secondary slogan "La poderosa". XESFT appeared to run the Tamaulipas state anthem afterward.

790, UNID, 6/30 0514 educational program about turtles in the Gal·pagos Islands. Almost certainly XERC-DF.

810, XEFW, TAMA, Tampico 6/29 2121 "La estrella"

820, XEBA, JAL, Guadalajara 6/30 0528 ID, mentioned 10 kW.

830, XEITE, DF, MÈxico 6/30 0555 (tentative) "sÛlo Èxitos" slogan mixing with another station that was playing the Mexican anthem.

890, XEBY, VER, Tuxpan 6/30 0549 Garbled ID included FM 96.7.

900, XEOK, NL, Monterrey 6/29 2123 local ad string.

940, XEQ, DF, MÈxico 6/30 0515 Local ads, http://www.besame.com.mx

960, XEK, TAMA, Nuevo Laredo 6/29 2319 ID, mentioned 5 kW.

970, XEMF, COAH, Monclova 6/29 2133 Baseball play-by-play Minatitl·n Petroleros vs. Monclova.

970, XEO, TAMA, Matamoros 6/29 2259 ID for sister station XHEW-FM.

990, XET, NL, Monterrey 6/30 0615 local news.

1000, XEFV, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 6/30 0548 Using secondary slogan "la voz del pueblo" into ranchera.

1010, XELO, CHIH, Chihuahua 6/29 2234 Baseball play-by-play Ciudad Ju·rez Indios vs. Chihuahua.

1090, XEAU, NL, Monterrey 6/30 0601 Mexican anthem, ID mentioned 5 kW.

1230, XEIZ, NL, Monterrey 6/29 2155 "Radio FÛrmula Monterrey"

1240, KTAM, TX, Bryan 6/30 0629 "Radio AlegrÌa"

1330, XEWQ, COAH, Monclova "La superestaciÛn" slogan and ID.

1340, XEMT, TAMA, Matamoros 6/29 2200 "En Tamaulipas, la radio informaÖ XEMTÖ 1340, 1 kWÖ"

1400, KUNO, TX, Corpus Christi 6/30 0540 "Revista RadiofÛnica" program (or promo), ID "K-Uno, la tremenda"

1490, XEFF, SLP, Matehuala 6/29 2313 Ad for San Luis PotosÌ state elections. Musical chimes downward arpeggio, like C-G-E-C.

1610, UNID, 6/29 2241 Spanish with contemporary music. XEUACH would not be on this late.

Loggings from Van Horn, TX (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop from a noisy motel room) - all times CDT:

650, XETNT, SIN, Los Mochis 7/1 0505 (tentative) program with automated GMT-6 time checks.

720, KSAH, TX, Universal City 7/1 0502 Noted now running ESPN Deportes

770, XEATH, NL, Monterrey 7/1 0607 Faded up for IDs. [XEACH ??? - gh]

1090, XEIL, VER, Veracruz 7/1 0606 Veracruz state anthem, faded during ID.

1170, XEIB, SON, Caborca 7/1 0510 "La n˙mero uno, la primera en FMÖ" - note they were giving GMT -7 time checks. No DST in Caborca, or just an error? [no DST in Sonora at all, I thought = UT -7 yearound --- gh]

1180, XEJK, CHIH, Cd. Delicias 7/1 0701 "La ke buena"

1240, XEWG, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 7/1 0702 "Cambio 12-40"

1240, XEBQ, SON, Guaymas 7/1 0646 ID including FM 105.

1270, KFLC, TX, Fort Worth 6/30 2245 "La 12-70 AM, la voz del pueblo"

1320, XECPN COAH, Piedras Negras 7/1 0644 On top of the channel with "la poderosa" slogan, and later a multi-station ID including 1320, 101.7 FM and 106.3 "la reina"

1340, UNID, 6/30 2231 "Promomedios" - no match on Promomedios web site. [Promedios, maybe? --- gh]

1450, XERDO, TAMA, Valle Hermoso 7/1 0625 Multi-station ID including 1450, 1490 and 105.5 FM.

1490, XECJC, CHIH. Cd. Ju·rez 7/1 0658 "XECJC, Radio Net, InformaciÛn TotalÖ"

1500, XEDF, DF, MÈxico 6/30 2237 Album promo, "Grupo Radio FÛrmula"

Loggings from Benson, AZ (ICF-2010, Radio West Loop) - all times M*S*T: [UT -7]

760, XENY, SON, Nogales 7/2 0508 ID, mentioned 5 kW 24 hours/day, "Radio Geny" jingle, Mexican anthem.

790, XESU, BCS, La Paz 7/2 0509 Mexican anthem, weak ID mentioned La Paz.

1100, UNID, 7/2 0501 Mexican anthemÖ maybe XEBV MoroleÛn, GJTO, as I heard a mention of "AlegrÌaÖ"

1240, XEWG, CHIH, Cd. Ju·rez 7/1 2258 "XEWG, Cambio 12-40, 24 horasÖ"

That's all for this vacation! 73 (Tim Hall, CA, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. 1140, July 3 at 0554 I try again to identify the gospel-huxter in Spanish heard some weeks ago: discussion, ad? for a mariscos restaur·n in Monterrey, so that`s certainly XEMR despite pattern maps showing null signal northward. Hardly dominant now and I soon catch a quite unexpected ID from CANADA, q.v. At 0600 noticias with a few-note jingle, but this was more from the SE, suspect CUBA; turning the DX-398 a bit, another Spanish is now religioning, XEMR? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See COLOMBIA! And Tim above

** MEXICO. 6185, R. EducaciÛn. Full Spanish ID by M around 0432 tune-in. Into long editorial by M over somber music to 0448. Seemed to be about the minit/oil [?] industries` impact on South and Central America. Long LA song. Suddenly off in mid-song at 0501:07. Good. (25 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

[and non]. 6185, July 2 at 0504, XEPPM is still on the air discussing the elexion; it takes a momentous event like returning the corrupt PRI to power for R. EducaciÛn to extend its schedule.

I was also checking UnivisiÛn and Telemundo for coverage of this starting at 0200 UT: they were in and out, unwilling to suspend regular programming completely (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Sporadic E analog TVDX, UT June 28:
1443, ch 2 fades in from south with net-4 `f` bug lower-right in news magazine, briefly snow-free; XHY MÈrida? 1505 `Matutino Express`. SIPSE-2 live UStreaming is ``off air`` so no comparison possible
1452, signs of CCI, video up to ch 5 video
1458, on 4, toon briefly locks in, so net-5?
1501, on 3, tv3 bug in UR, i.e. XHP Puebla; with almost-zero beat bars much like we get from the BCN clash, but definitely not from west.
1515, on 3, Universidad AutÛnoma de Puebla ad after IFE PSAs
Opening continues maybe building as I close this report

Sporadic E analog TV DX opening June 28 in UT, continued:

1528 on 3, XHP with tv3 bugs, also twitter abottom mentioning Puebla
1553 on 5, net-5 with toon, steady video, some audio
1555 on 4, studio show

(I was out having the car serviced most of afternoon, unfortunately, but was able to explore more cable TV channels than I get at home)

2300 on 2, +tv nice animated ID, i.e. XEWO Guadalajara
2310, MUF has soared to fill ch 2 thru 6 with CCI
2347 on 6, glimpse of net-7 bug UR; too many full-powers listed

UT June 29:
0007 on 97.3, Spanish with talk about f˙tbol, breaking into stereo; RDS icon flickers but not enough signal for RDS to display

0010 on 93.5, some Spanish here briefly

0020 on 93.7, surpassing KSPI Stillwater, Spanish ad mentions ``Universidad AutÛnoma``, where? They are so named everywhere in Mexico. Enough signal to capture static RDS: LA MEJOR. Google hits all go to Aguascalientes;
http://www.lamejor.com.mx/aguascalientes/
there are Mejores all over the country, but any others on 93.7? No, only XHAGT Aguascalientes, 56.7 kW per Cant˙

[BTW local translator 93.1 was off the air, helpful to open up at least 3 channels for DX. The 88-92 band is so crammed here now that it`s hard for any DX to get thru; did hear some SS TV audio on 87.75]

0101, MUF still to 6 video, CCI on 5
0140, MUF down to ch 2, CCI. CANADA q.v. comes up later

Sporadic E analog TV DX June 30: turn on TV at 2305 UT to find signals on channel 2, 3, and 5; 2 is mostly CCI; 3 has a movie dubbed in Spanish; continued most of the hour but nothing more definite.

Sporadic-E analog TV DX in progress July 4 when I turn on TV at 1348 UT:

1348 on 2, CCI from south with animation, so probably net-5; also signs of video on 5

1402 on 2, loud Spanish in tabloid show about movies

1410 on 2, zero-beat CCI, seems peaking SSE rather than SSW, so likely MÈrida and Canc˙n

1418 on 2, f bug in LR, i.e. net-4, probably via XHY-TV MÈrida

1432 on 2, net-5 promo

1433 on 4, PSAs from Gobierno Federal, letterboxed with open captioning in black strip abottom and other info atop

1433 on 4, bug in UR includes XV (as in fifteen), maybe part of ad rather than ID, then singing ad for 43 canales (a cable or satellite purveyor? Only 43?), now not letterboxed; canal 5 promo

1435 on 3, now // 4 with canal-5, audio slightly ahead of 4

1437 on 3, toons, net 5 no doubt

1513 on 2, net-7 bug LR in studio game(?) show

1521 still channels 2, 3 and 4, CCI in and out as opening continues

The TV DX opening I started logging in previous report and cut off at 1530 UT July 4 continued all day long, most of the time channels 2 thru 6 and for a while into FM too, until finally about over at 0100 UT July 5. The best opening so far this year, and as good as any last year. It`ll take a while to compile it all, so I`m not holding up the rest of this report for it. Viz.:

Analog sporadic E TV DX opening July 4, continued from previous report, eventually poking into FM as well, UT:

1530 on 5, lucha ad or promo with menacing music

1531 on 4, f bug in LR = net-4, speaker from IFE, CÈsar Gaviria

1533 on 4, net-5 toon video involving a fight in a ring (boxeo or lucha?), but audio from another station about space flight

1536 on 4, VG signal from f-net, Matutino Express show with constant crawler

1537 on 5, net-5 toon with VG video, but audio JBA or missing, i.e. MUF between 77.25 and 81.75 MHz

1540 on 5, horoscope nonsense by M&W on a couch, displaying large zodiacal symbols

1541 on 5, hoy from net-2, 10:41 time in LL, cake-decorating segment for marriages

1542 on 4, promo for TVM¡S, Nueva Temporada, i.e. XHGV, Las Lajas, Veracruz, of RTV = Radio-TelevisiÛn de Veracruz

1543 on 5, weight-loss infomercial with rotating phone numbers only for MTY, DF, and Int, demonstrating exercise machines

1545 on 6, MUF up to weak video here, animation, net-5?

1546 on 4, f-net with card tricks in English, voiced over in Spanish

1549 on 5, ad or PSA mentioning Veracruz in audio; mix with video and audio from net-5 toon. Vcz on 5 is XHAJ, TeleVer, Las Lajas

1550 on 4, net-5 audio, one word behind same on channel 5

1601 on 87.75, ch 6 audio as also on TV which had video CCI

1618 on 6, looks like hoy show from net-2; now CCI is heavier on all the lower channels 2-5 as opening strengthens; time to check FM:

1639 on 88.1, hyper ads in Spanish override KMSI Moore OK, not very strong here at midday, nor the other OK, KWOU Woodward. Better chance here for DX than on any higher 88-92 channel due to ACI, CCI; into m˙sica rom·ntica, not necessarily same Mexican

1642 on 88.1, hyper ads mentioning quesos jalapeÒos

1654 on 88.1, 11:54 time check = CDT = HCMV, live DJ, phone number, ``aquÌ en Guanajuato``, so it`s XHRE in Celaya, Gto., 10 kW, one of only 4 XEs on this frequency and all are in the south-center at optimum skip range. As it turns out, all my FM DX today is on this one frequency, despite chex of some other open spots above 93.3, and specifically all the Celayans listed

1700 on 5, VG as net-2 hoy shows proceeds past local noon with 12:00 clock in LL, sing-a-long segment

1707 on 88.1, ``La Comadre, m·s m˙sica`` slogan ID for XHRE, whose calls I never heard mentioned, hyper DJ. Which Random House Spanish-English dixionary meaning(s) of Comadre do they intend? Midwife, procuress, go-between, gossip, pal? Apparently it does not mean co-mother as in a Lesbian couple with children, or a Mormon or Moslem mÈnage with children. Why would you call a radio station a midwife?

1713 on 88.1, hyper DJ plugging a 12 de julio event, with tickets not yet available, mentions Celaya. Locutor names himself Javier, El Flaco

1719 on 88.1, ad mentions English term ``Guanajuato Experience``, apparently for beauty-enhancement products, sub-slogan ``la emisora dinamita``

1720 on 6, bra infomercial

1728 on 88.1, La Comadre ID between songs, ``m·s m˙sica``, but elsewhen the adload is heavy

1733 on 3, audio promo says ``Canal 5 desde LeÛn, Guanajuato``. Time for detective work, but stymied by lack of any Guanajuato station on 5 in the W9WI list, let alone in LeÛn. It`s a small state with only a few TV stations. The ones in LeÛn are on 2, 4, 6, 11 and 25, and there is no channel 3 at all. Maybe it was net-5 out of the DF referring to a remote in LeÛn or their relay there which is really on ch 25. In which case it could have been on any of the net-5 stations relayed on 3

1747 on 5, old movie, looks like Azteca-13 bug in UR

1810, still CCI 2-6, after a break for lunch

1812 on 6, novela // 87.75 audio

1814 on 6, Azteca-13 promo; too many possibilities

1815 on 5, glimpses of TeleVer bug in UR among CCI; better at 1817 during old movie; XHAJ Las Lajas again as at 1549

1817 on 88.1, talk about vitaminas; stereo pilot but no RDS

1818 on 6, infomercial for Aire Bra; still, same as at 1720? (Does that mean, inflatable?)

1824 on 88.1 continued, interview with a doctor quiropr·ctico, so infomercial? Inserts riffs from Batman

1826 on 88.1, CCI also in Spanish

1830 on 88.1, ad for El ¡guila Seguros para AutomÛviles, car insurance, with eagle calls, mentions Radio Red, so now it`s XHRED, 95+ kW in MÈxico DF

1837 on 6, promo for Multimedios Deportes; time and temp bug in LR for 1:37 34C during news with star logo. This relatively minor network originates in Monterrey at XHAW ch 12; and has two affiliates on 6: XHTAO Tampico, and XHLGG LeÛn per Wikipedia and W9WI.com. Right now the other skip is coming from closer to the LeÛn area

1838 on 88.1, ad for event in Zamora, Michoac·n, CCI; so now it`s a third station on this frequency, XHZN, Los 40 Principales, 10 kW per Cant˙; one more to go

1845 on 88.1 news about Veracruz, so I`d like to think I have heard the fourth and last {licensed} 88.1 in Mexico, XHDZ, Imagen, CÛrdoba, Ver, 10 kW, but it could be national news from XHRED or something, as indeed ``La Red`` ID came at 1847, but the skip areas are volatile, vying for capture

1846 on 88.1, ad for Cinemas Madero showing Madagascar 3 --- that Googles right to Zamora

1849 on 88.1 during adstring, RDS displays Zamora`s: XHZN-FM. I should be keeping a closer eye on the RDS window of the DX-398, may have missed some as I am also watching TVDX

1850 on 88.1, ad by coy YLs for ``condÛn con lubricantes``, then ``Los 40, 88.1`` jingle, hyper DJ; at 1852 he says they are about to plug into Mexico City during the next hour called ``La Corneta`` [?] but he will be back at las 3.

1855, another vain search for FM DX on any higher frequency

1857 on 88.1, ads including Sam`s Club in Zamora

1903 on 88.1, at least two stations alternating every few sex

1906 on 5, net-5 toon with evil penguins

1906 on 4, news with f bug in LL = foro TV, net-4

1907 on 88.1, ``La Red, de Radio Red, con Jacobo Zabludovsky`` talk show first discussing London Olympix. J.Z. used to be the #1 TV news anchor on Televisa, so he has retired to radio

1911 on 88.1 back to La Comadre slogan ID mixing with Jacobo Z

1918 on 88.1, another La Comadre jingle

1920 on 88.1, Celaya ad

1929 on 6, net 2, infantile comedy skits in studio, adults as kids with funny hats

1938 on 88.1, La Comadre still dominating, with exhausting promos by that SHVA [super-hype voice actor]. He only has to work up his phony enthusiasm once per promo, then thru the magic of recording, subject listeners to it endlessly. Can he stand to listen to himself even?

1951 on 6, local Aguascalientes show with panel, DiF as backdrop, 6 bug in UL. As illustrated here in front of the bottom third of a circle: http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogosch6.html

Nice to see this local-origination station again as I did last summer, XHCGA-TV. W9WI.com shows only 10 kW video, but it was often snow- and QRM-free. It`s educational, also affiliated with national Once TV net.

1958 on 6, concluding show with segment on basketball noticias; beautiful fullóscreen ID, and my camera batteries are depleted! Slogan frequently heard on audio is ``La seÒal de todos``

2001 on 6, XHCGA show starting this hour is `LoterÌa Musical`, i.e. music video requests with live YL veejay; opening montage makes clear that all styles of music are eligible (hmmm, except classical?); 2007 still snowfree

2008 on 88.1, ad for Universidad de Morelia, no doubt from XHZN in same state, Michoac·n

A few hours earlier, DX Sherlock 6m Es map was unavailable; now at 2010 it is, but blank. Alternative G7IZU 6m map has been showing plenty of Es activity elsewhere in North America, but not much out of Mexico! And still not, so quite misleading for the TV/FM DXer

2014 on 88.1, DX finally fading out, uncovering weak OK groundwave signals; but Aguascalientes TV A & V still propagating.

2019 on 88.1, Los 40 Principales resurges but weaker

2021 on 5, Daffy Duck & Bugs Bunny toon on net-5

2025 on 5, roster graphic of LMB standings --- Liga Mexicana de BÈisbol, I guess, with #1 being Sultanes de Monterrey; some 10 kHz CCI

2029 on 6, Aguascalientes TV promos still

2035 on 6, Ags TV snow-free again

2048 on 3 // stronger 4, net-5 with Spongebob, dubbed

2058 on 4, net-5 promo

2102 on 5, net-5 Spongebob, and // 4

2115 on 6, YL chat show, with bug in UR, no longer XHCGA, but what?

2124 on 2, MUF down to here, still Spongebob, i.e. net-5

2130 on 2, Azteca-7 promo for Olympix (does this net have it exclusively in Mexico?)

2139 on 5, toons, net-5 bug in UR I notice has just morphed from some other logo; watch out for that

2152 on 2, bra ads, this time Genie Bra

2305 on 2, still some video CCI as opening has been waning

2336 on 4, novela with bug UL ``La Tele de AquÌ``, i.e. XELN, TorreÛn, Coahuila; below it are time 18:36 and temp 36o

2339 on 4, I try several times to snap photos of bug close up UL corner of screen without success vs the fading

2345 on 5, net-5, sitcom with gringo teens, actors` credits at odd time

2347 on 4, ginseng ad, for ShotB GS, then GalavisiÛn animated ID, back to novela, continues with GV bug in UR, as illustrated here: http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogos.html and it`s probably still affiliate XELN

2359 on 2, net-7 bug with The Simpsons; Homer sounds even more stupid dubbed in Spanish

UT July 5:

0015, still weak signals on 2-6, including Simpsons on 2

0054, still weak video on 2, but that`s all for tonight! Time for fireworx

Next morning: Monitoring channel 2 for Es DX to appear, July 5 at 1359 UT, something Spanish fades in with antenna south, making out the word PRIMERO, but fades right out and nothing more, fortunately compared to yesterday`s exhausting opening as I had put off recording WORLD OF RADIO as long as I could past the holiday (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.44, 0809-, The Cross Radio, Jun 17. Excellent reception with an ID in English between religious programming (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [non]. Voice of Mongolia in Russian, 7225 via V of Russia in Russian: 26/02-08/05 QSL sheet on View card and book "Discover Mongolia", both by Reg Mai (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** MOZAMBIQUE. R·dio MoÁambiques: Emissor Provincial do Niassa, 1260 Lichinga. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1829-1830. Portuguese, YL talking, another singing. Poor, with splash from adjacent Chinese Radio (ex Meyerton) on 1269. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Provincial Tete, 963 Tete. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1725-1726. Portuguese, OM talking. Fair but buzzy Joburg QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

DelegaÁ„o de Beira, 873 Sofala (Beira). June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1720-1722. Portuguese song. Fair but buzzy Joburg QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

R. MoÁambique Emissor Interprovincial Maputo e Gaza, 738 Maputo. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1712-1714. Portuguese, OM's talking, others in the background. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Interprovincial Maputo & Gaza, 1008 Maputo. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1747-1749. Portuguese, OM talking. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Nacional, 1206 Inhambane. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1820-1822. Portuguese, OM's talking. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Provincial de Cabo Delgado, 1224 Pemba. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1825-1827. Portuguese, OM talking. Fair, but with splash from adjacent Botswana on 1215. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Provincial Gaza, 810 Xai-Xai. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1717-1719. Portuguese, OM talking, sounds like he's addressing a meeting. Fair, but buzzy local (Jo'burg) QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Emissor Provincial de Manica, 1026 Chimoio. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1749-1751. Portuguese, OM talking, sounds like news. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi everyone, As I send this, Mozambique is giving an unusually good signal on medium wave. May well be audible to DX'ers further east.

Radio Mozambique, Emissor Provincial de Manica, 1026 Chimoio. July 1, 2012. Sunday. 1610-1704. Makhuwa? Changed to Portuguese at 1655. Afro and western music and songs, very nice. ID at 1700 "Manica", now just Portuguese talk. Very good reception tonight. Jo 'burg sunset 1528.

Emissor Provincial de Manica, 1026 Chimoio. July 1, 2012. Sunday. 1610-1759. Makhuwa? Afro and western music and songs, very nice. Changed to Portuguese at 1655 and into talk. Several IDs heard including at 1717 "Provincial Manica", three mentions of "Mozambique" at 1719, "Chimoio" at 1726, "Mozambique" at 1726, "Manica" at 1726, Alcatel advert at 1728 and "Mozambique, Chimoio" at 1730. From 1730 sounds like Mozambique news, with mentions of various cities, towns and provinces. Very good tonight, exceptional before 1645. After 1705 a few noisy patches, presumed local Jo'burg QRN. By 1750 fading out, but still better than usual. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

Following my post last night (July 1), Mozambique E.P. Manica faded back in again with, at 1800, ID "Radio Mozambique, Manica". Followed by mixed afro-western music. I went to sleep at about 1945, but was awakened at about 2030 by loud atmospherics caused by a deep fade during "Another Brick in the Wall". This quickly fixed itself and I went back to sleep. Awoke again at 2210 to silence, followed by atmospherics at 2211 as the carrier was cut; so presume I awoke when the station signed off at 2210. An outstanding night for Mozambique reception in Jo'burg. Very good tonight, exceptional before 1645. After 1705 a few noisy patches, presumed local Jo'burg QRN. Faded out at 1750 but soon returned and stayed generally good. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

Emissor Provincial de Zambezia. 1179 Quelimane. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1806-1813. Missing from my medium wave trawl on June 28, but on air now with OM's conversing in Portuguese, talking about Mozambique. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

Emissor Provincial do Nampula. 765 Nampula. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1731-1733. Missing from my medium wave trawl on June 28, but on air now in Portuguese. Poor, very weak and buzzy (local QRN). Jo'burg

sunset 1528.

R·dio MoÁambique, DelegaÁ„o de Beira, 873 Sofala (Beira). July 2, 2012. Monday. 1735-1738. Two hours ago Botswana was on this frequency, from Gansti. Now it is totally over-ridden by Mozambique, in Portuguese. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

R. MoÁambique Emissor Nacional, 1206 Inhambane. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1813-1818. Portuguese, OM's talking. Good, but occasional deep fades. Jo'burg sunset 1528.

R. MoÁambique, Emissor Provincial de Manica, 1026 Chimoio. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1753-1802. Portuguese. OM correspondent reporting from Nampula, followed by several others, presumably news or current affairs. Several "MoÁambique" around 1800, and also what sounded like an "LM". Good. Once again, a strong signal from Chimoio. Jo'burg sunset 1528 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 7110, June 30 at 1153, pop songs from Kachin Radio, seguÈs, no announcements heard past 1202; best heard in months, SINPO 23332 with occasional ham CW QRM. At 1239 faded to barely audible, still music. I wonder if the ham intruder-watchers are trying hard enough to get rid of this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. QSL: TRANSPORT RADIO, Wertachtal, 6095 kHz (17.4.2012), Cartolina QSL, lettera e adesivi giganti in 31 giorni, dentro una busta di Radio Nederland! E-rpt con registrazione MP3 inviata a: studio @ transportradio.nl V/s: Richard Vaessen - Transportradio Team (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RNW via Bonaire 6165 kHz June 29th. Final broadcast to North America. Started mid-sentence 0200 UT. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I was waiting for the later broadcast to west coast NAm, but already at good level to ECNA listening at 0209. Significant splatter from CKZU on 6160 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, ibid.)

Hi Walt, I'm waiting for the West Coast NAm transmission too. Hopefully the beam directed this way will overpower CKZU's splatter. What's the distance, about 80 km from you? Their Richmond transmitter site is about 210 km from me. 73 (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, ibid.)

Hey everyone, great reception of RNW here in Montreal via Bonaire 6165 kHz. Listened to the 0200 UT broadcast and now am listening to the repeat at 0300 UT still with great signal. I will miss RNW; this was one of my favorite stations. 73's (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada

http://www.youtube.com/tecmtl ibid.)

Bonaire: 6165, R Netherlands via Bonaire with their FINAL English broadcast. Radio is no more but we got to hear Eddie Startz, Tom Meyer, Pete Meyer [sic] and Johnathan [sic] Marks one last time, and they did their best to put a positive spin on things, but still, I'm confused at how disappearing can be a "good thing".

They also 'reprised' the sex with robots "Curious Orange" edition and talked about programmes like EarthBeat too. Sigh; looking at my tapes, it appears the only thing I've been 'preserving' of late are 'final' broadcasts!' It started with the end of the cold war and the final broadcast of Radio Berlin, and it has been increasing as time goes on -- and I've missed many 'lasts' because they've snuck up on me!

In REALLY well (I forgot how well Bonaire came in when directed our way!) 4+554+4+ *0200*0257* and again *0300*0357* by which time it had improved to 4+5554+ 29/June (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston or Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet June 29 via DXLD)

Booming in now on 6165 to central NAm at 0310 tune in. Minimal splatter from CKZU now. Glenn's right about WRMI, nothing but a very loud jammer on and around 9955 [see TAIWAN]. On my Perseus, CKZU at 1 kW is still stronger at -79 dBm vs -100 or so for RNW. Audio is so much more pleasant, though (Walt Salmaniw, BC, dxldyg via DXLD)

This Thursday reminds me of listening to DX JUKE BOX on the 31 mb. back in 1965. Can't recall that frequency. Hosted by Ian Elliot and with the elegant voice of Jerry Cowan reading a technical tip. Cowan has been one of my favorite voices for 45 years enjoying short wave broadcasts. They used to feature some hot songs of the day, as they played "Count Me In" by Gary Lewis & The Playboys. Tonight reception isn't any good on 6165, as I'm listening the reprise from 0200, considering how close I am to Bonaire. Must be a transmission target issue. As it is the last time, it deserves to enjoy all three different times. So I hope at 0500, it could be little bit better for we got a couple of alternatives to tune. Needless to say, short wave will never be the same without this icon of RNW. 73s (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

Ian Elliot? I don`t remember any such host of DXJB (gh, DXLD)

Raul, The frequency was 9590 kHz. I first heard them from Hilversum on 2/18/1965. In June of 1965, they started the Bonaire relays using the same frequency. And just up the dial was TIFC on 9645 kHz from your own country. Those were the days. And just as I am retiring into the country with time to listen, they are all pulling the plug and disappearing from the airwaves. LONG LIVE SHORTWAVE!!!! (Don W8SWL

Hosmer, Dearborn MI USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I listened to the 0300 broadcast on 6165. Good signal into Houston. From the way the carrier powered up it appeared to be the ABB transmitter in use. I'm going to admit I was rather disappointed in the farewell broadcast. While it gave a quick tip of the hat to the Eddie Startz and Tom Meyer versions of Happy Station, and had some comments from Jonathan Marks, the emphasis of the retrospective was pretty much on the last 20 to 25 years and the information and documentary programming on RNW.

But for those of us who listened to RNW in the 1960's and 70's, it was strange not to hear about the programming in those days, especially the two cornerstones of "DX Jukebox" and what was probably one of the most popular SW programs in the world, "His and Hers."

The retrospective did admit that the program emphasis of RNW had changed in the 1980's away from entertainment, but I was hoping to hear some of the old voices just one more time. Goodbye, RNW. A friendly voice for so many years. Good memories (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I believe they aired during some other hours of their final 20-hour marathon, most of it not on SW, an earlier-produced retrospective about the previous years of RN, maybe why not covered in the finale (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now at 0500, perfect reception, of course, beamed to WCNA. 12015 is also heard quite well, but not quite so perfect. Thank you RNW for all the years of fabulous programming! I'll miss you terribly (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Last Show from RNW, UT June 29 via BONAIRE 6165: too much competition at 0200 and 0300, so settled down to listen to and record the 0500 repeat (doing so on webcast would be a betrayal of our shortwave heritage). Nostalgic bits of previous produxions, closed before 0600 with carillon IS and national anthem.

One bit of good news: they plan to maintain their audio archive indefinitely and urge us to listen to programs there, use them for instruxion, etc.

On behalf of Harry van Vugt I asked Andy Sennitt, ex-RNW whether the Concertgebouw concerts would continue on the web? He found out: Yes, thru 2012, but after that they will have to be produced by something other than RNW in order to continue, as yet not known.

The Last Show is being repeated at 1800 on 17605 Vatican which may be

audible in NAm; 1900 and 2000, until RNW English is turned off permanently at 2057* UT June 29, when the frequencies will be 6065-Wertachtal, 7425-Madagascar, 11615-France, 15495-Vatican.

A special last-broadcast QSL is being offered for SINPO reports to P. O. Box 222, 1200 JG Hilversum, The Netherlands, or letters @ rnw.nl

If you miss it on the radio here's the download link:
http://download.radionetherlands.nl/rnw/smac/cms/farewell_and_thank_you_from_rnw_20120629_64_44_2.mp3
says Harry Brooks, North East England, UK

From July 2, only two RNW SW broadcasts remain on the HFCC schedule, both via BONAIRE:
M-F 0930-1000 6020 Dutch to Caribbean (but will it be RNW or domestic relay?); and if so, why is it aimed due south?? and:
M-F 1100-1157 9895 Spanish at 320 degrees. This is explicitly for countries ``lacking press freedom``, naming Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico (Mexico????). Doing so will make it a target for Cuban JAMMING! What a shame if this only remaining broadcast meet such a fate. Maybe they`ll counter by reactivating the other two Bonaire transmitters.

According to RNW`s Spanish website, final show in that language would occur live at 1330-1430 Friday June 29 (or 1400-1500? Conflicting info), not on the air then but live video. Well, I couldn`t find any video link, but the live audio was nothing special, some other program ending at 1400, then switching to `Europarada ` in Portuguese, which has been totally off SW for years, and the web version is now closing too:

``E aqui chegamos. O ServiÁo Brasileiro est· fechando suas portas. A Radio Nederland, como um todo, sendo reduzida a um n˙cleo com menos de um quarto de seus funcion·rios. A emissora que foi t„o bem na nau das ondas curtas perdeu a nave para a batalha no ciberespaÁo. * Tarcisio Lage, ex-Coordenador do ServiÁo Brasileiro da Radio Nederland``

The final Spanish SW broadcasts are to be UT Saturday 0000-0057 & 0100-0157 via Bonaire 6165 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now at 0830 UT RNW English Web stream is playing the very last edition of "His & Hers" (Partha Sarathi Goswami, WB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now (0833 UT) they are broadcasting (on the web only) the last His & Hers show from June 16, 1981 (Tudor Vedeanu, Romania, ibid.)

Since I had heard the 0500 UT June 29 RNW finale on 6165 Bonaire, I did not try to listen to later repeats other than to check out the

frequencies for one last time.

17605, June 29 at 1829, Vatican relay is fair to good.
15495, June 29 at 2053, poor signal via Vatican as they are wrapping up; as usual, nothing from France on 11615. At 2055, a unison ``good-bye!``, Carillon IS, 2056 NA, which now sounds so sad, 2057* off. This was not exactly the way the 0500 broadcast ended, and I read reports from others that the last 5 minutes changed from one transmission to another. Wish we had known that was going to happen!

One thing I should add about the content as heard after 0500: someone blamed the new right-wing government for RNW`s virtual demise. [see below]

The [almost] final Spanish broadcast via Bonaire 6165 after 0100: I taped most of it and haven`t had a chance to listen yet, but seemed to be a studio party including `live` music by a Cuban staffer, quite different from the English version which compiled bits of previous produxions along with some recorded comments from ex-staffers. Spanish just stopped at 0157, no IS, no NA, and open carrier stayed on past 0205.

From July 2, Spanish is to continue from RN, only to serve Cubans deprived of a free press, M-F 1100-1157, 320 degrees from Bonaire on 9895. Most of the previous programs have been terminated, altho a few remain on the web only, while SW will carry the newscast `La Matinal`, to be reconfigured at the end of the A-12 season, and presumably from somewhere other than Bonaire (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What new right-wing government? The previous minority coalition government, which made the decision to cut RNW's budget, collapsed some weeks ago, and is now acting in a caretaker capacity. A general election will be held in September. Apparently 50 (!!) different parties have registered to take part. Most are tiny parties that campaign on a single issue or for a specific sector of the population. It remains to be seen whether we will end up with a right-wing or left-wing coalition, but the decision to chop RNW's budget was not specifically a right-wing decision - it was supported by a majority in the House, not just by right-wing parties, though they were the most vociferous (Andy Sennitt, ODXA yg via DXLD)

This is what I was alluding to. I went back to my recording of the 0500 broadcast, the only one I taped, and transcribed this about 40 minutes into it, comments by Perro de Jong; see the third paragraph:

``When I first started writing these critical eye-columns, the Netherlands was still in shock over the murder of controversial filmmaker Theo van Gogh. He`d been knifed to death in an Amsterdam

street, with a note stuck to his body making it look like the fundamentalist Islamic equivalency of pin-the-tail- on-the-donkey. To make matters worse, our then justice minister believed the best way to halt such shenanigans was by reviving an ancient blasphemy law and using it against anyone who had anything nasty to say about Allah. All of which gave me the feeling that at that particular point in our history, the traditional Dutch value of free speech was under unprecedented threat.

And by the end of my run as a commentator, one leader of a Dutch political party had vowed never to speak to Radio Netherlands again unless the column of mine was removed from the internet. And in an eerie parallel to Theo van Gogh, one of our regular listeners promised me a knife in the back or worse if I ever had the audacity to travel to her part of the globe. So I guess I must have been doing something right. And I guess that really I should be proud that my radio station is about to reinvent itself as a bringer of free speech to all parts of the world where it`s in short supply.

Oh dear, how do I say this politely? The government that`s been behind Radio Netherlands` extreme makeover is also the first Dutch government that`s jumped into bed with both the populist PVV and the Christian fundamentalist SGP. About the former, well, as I once suggested, the greatest danger Geert Wilders` lot is going to present is not that they`re a one-issue party that bashes Muslims, but that they`re not a one-issue party but will go looking for a new scapegoat --- judges, journalists, Brussels, whenever it proves convenient; and about the SGP, well, surely there`s a place in the Guinness Book of Records for a prime minister who calls himself liberal, that is thick as thieves with a party that would bar women from parliament. I mean, with friends like that, who needs the Taliban?

But back to Radio Netherlands, where our great new role as purveyors of free speech doesn`t just mean in-with-the-new, but also inevitably, out-with-the-old. What I do know is that the new Radio Netherlands has quite the challenge ahead of it with those remaining on board expected to be living examples of the value that the Netherlands itself has too often been half-hearted about, to say the least. All that`s left for me to do is to toast the colleagues who like me are going on to other and no doubt greater things, and to wish the latter-day saints who remain here, luck. I think we`re all going to need it.``

After all that trouble, while Googling the RNW website to check some spellings, I found the full text of this, from which some paragraphs had been cut for the broadcast:
http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/last-critical-eye-latter-day-saints along with 4:03 audio which includes the cuts. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

OK, Glenn. It was your reference to the government as 'new' which confused me. I wondered if someone had said something in one of the live segments at the end, which would have surprised me. As Jonathan Groubert said in his interview with Jonathan Marks, they didn't want to go out sounding bitter. It remains to be seen whether the PVV will play any part in the next government, and whether it will be left-wing, right-wing or centrist. Last time, some parties refused to have anything to do with the PVV, which is why they came up with a minority coalition. But Geert Wilders ended up having power without responsibility, and indeed it was the PVV that brought down the government, just as I had expected it would. Unfortunately, RNW won't be able to report the outcome L (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

L? Seems some emoticons are now being transformed into J or L (gh)

RNW EN ESPA—OL: LOS PRESIDENTES LES OFRECÕAN UNA ENTREVISTA.

Radio Nederland cambia su rumbo y contin˙a en versiÛn reducida: una pequeÒa organizaciÛn con el acento en ìfree speechî (libertad de expresiÛn).

De la antigua a la nueva RNW: un recorrido por los departamentos que se cierran o cambian de enfoque. Cuarta parte: el departamento latinoamericano. ìLos chinos ocupar·n el espacio que dejamos libreî.

ìDurante las dictaduras militares de los aÒos setenta y ochenta, Radio Nederland era la comunicaciÛn con el mundo exterior para muchas personas en LatinoamÈrica. En esa Època no sabÌamos exactamente cu·l era nuestro impacto pero se hizo evidente a medida que desaparecÌan las dictaduras y retornaba la democracia. Seg˙n resultÛ, Èramos muy apreciados en todos los niveles de la sociedad. Evo Morales, el actual presidente de Bolivia, estaba encarcelado en los aÒos 70 y nos relatÛ que Radio Nederland lo ayudÛ a mantenerse de pie. …ramos la ˙nica emisora de confianza que podÌa receptar en la prisiÛnî, cuenta Wim Jansen, jefe del departamento latinoamericano. ---
M·s...
http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/article/rnw-en-espa%C3%B1ol-los-presidentes-les-ofrec%C3%AD-una-entrevista
(via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, June 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

RNW Spanish Department farewell

Emotive farewell via live streaming video on the RNW website for the Latin American Spanish Department. It was one hour of memories, and clever, well-said reflections of many members of the Latin American Department. A nice music artistic number by a Cuban singer.

For Latin America, in these decades RNW has been a brilliant lighthouse! Outstanding expertise in journalism, by a great staff and voices. A worldwide referer in information and compromise. It has been a pleasure to listen to great radio productions, all these years.

And not only that; I recall its RNW Training Centre, the transcription service, the multiplatform (satellite, SW, relays, MW, Internet, podcasts, video). Great! I only hope RNW could come back in a future, via radio in any platform.

It's a real pity that politics and economy put it in a skeleton shape for the coming future and hopefully this will revert. Alas, the staff is brutally axed and thus brilliant people gets away.

RNW was the N∫1 for decades in the preference of the SW listener. It generated a strong EMPATHY with its listeners worldwide (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Jun 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NETHERLANDS-not {MADAGASCAR/MARIANA ISLS/PHILIPPINES/SRI LANKA}

Tip of English RNW final program at 1000-1157 UT seems wrong.
I hear only the Indonesian service program.
my observations on Final-Plan of today:

1000-1057 15110Tinang-PHL, 15300TRM, 15565TRM, 17840MDG, 21485MDG
1100-1157 9795Tinang-PHL, 15300TRM, 15650Tinian-MRA 250kW, 17840MDG, 21485MDG
1200-1257 17840MDG, 21485MDG

1000-1057
15110 S=9+10 in Tokyo, S=6 in ISL, S=3-4 tiny weak in EUR, S=4 just on threshold in CA-USA.
15300 S=9+10 in AUS, S=8 fair in Tokyo, S=4 very weak in EUR
15565 S=9+20 in AUS, S=5 weak in Tokyo, S=7 poor in EUR
17840 poor signal S=5 in Tokyo, S=5 in GRC, nil in central Europe, poor S=5 in CA-USA.
21485 S=8 signal in Tokyo, S=7-8 in EUR and GRC.

1100-1157
 9795 S=9 in AUS, S=8-9 in Tokyo
15650 S=9+10dB in Tokyo.
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SWAN SONG OF RNW INDONESIAN

Perhaps some will also care for the demise of RNW Indonesian, right now on air with its final hour if things go as HFCC data suggests?

Shortly after 1200 I find 17840 indeed still on air, but portable indoor it is too weak to make anything out of it. Can't tell whether or not the listed // 21485, from Talata Volonondry as well, is still on air, too.

Those with Hotbird satellite equipment may want to check the "RNW 8" and "RNW 9" channels if perhaps the last Indonesian broadcast, supposed to end at 1257, is routed out on one of these channels, too (they could even be part of the distribution chain to the shortwave transmitters in use). (Kai Ludwig, 1210 UT June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2-3 days ago they announced 28th will be last day for 15110 kHz RNW English via Tinang, also mentioned in website in the we are changing page so it was yesterday - last English broadcast aired on 15110 kHz. Today's Indonesian via MADAGASCAR on 17840 & 21845 kHz was continuous from 1000 to 1256 UT; poor from 1000 to 1100 but understandable, 1130 and later provided nice & stable signal, while 21845 kHz quite 17840 kHz had some atmospheric noise (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi folks, I`m a bit disappointed that the majority of those commenting on the final RNW English broadcast/'farewell show' have chosen to make reception comments rather than comments on the ``Farewell Broadcast`` program itself. Maybe the most interesting thing about the final transmission was the reception rather than the content?

Being a RNW listener since the late 70`s I have to say that I too was disappointed by the farewell broadcast. Given the esteemed status of RNW`s English programs over the decades, I had high expectations that the final broadcast might have been something really special & I`d hoped that RNW might have gone out with a festive bang. For me it was a rather uninspiring production that included material that I would have never considered for inclusion. I think I would have used perhaps 20-25% of the material used on show & deleted the rest. The program just didn`t do justice to all those fantastic years of broadcasts that for me had RNW rated between No. 1 & no lower than No. 5 of the world`s greatest international broadcasters.

I would have enjoyed a program of many past announcers invited back as a group to chat about the good times to play back samples of their best work & fun broadcasting pieces in a kind of party atmosphere. Also I would have appreciated reading out some of the best letters of listeners saying goodbye to RNW etc. I just think the production could have been a lot better; it didn`t connect on many levels as a listener for many years. 3 out of 10.

Whilst in recent times there were some great RNW programs, the best of

RNW was in the past & I`m pleased that RNW will keep many archives available so we can all experience the great work of one of the best International Broadcasters. Thanks RNW for the memories & the excellent work of all employees in giving their all for the shortwave listening community over the years --- it was a pleasure (Ian Baxter, NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have to agree with Ian. Only difference is that I was not disappointed. This because I had to note already in last December, on the occasion of the Talata Volonondry transmitter tests, what has become of RNW English, not without consternation: A mere playout of recorded content, put together who knows how much time in advance. No live radio anymore, just a computer. As if an iPod dangles from the console of the transmitter.

So the farewell show was just representative for how RNW English sounded in its last years. Now one may point at budget constraints: Understood, but the difference to the huge Dutch service and its bombastic farewell is a bit too hefty. Is really anyone surprised about the "holidaymakers and truckers station" image of RNW? And no, you can not get rid of such a view by pointing at a "mission statement" that may have been sacred in the RNW building. It's not 1989 anymore.

Well, the last four minutes, after this recorded farewell show, have been announced as in fact being live. How long ago have they been live on air before? Without intending to voice suspicion I would appreciate some evidence for this final farewell really having been done live.

They closed with playing the Dutch national anthem which ended at the announced time 2057. And as shown in HFCC 6065 stayed on air until 2058, so ended with a minute of open carrier, making sure that the very end was not botched up by a premature carrier cut (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

Excuse Ian, 1000 UT is NOON time here in German, and everybody has something different to do on lunch time. And I had stress at all to FETCH the various freqs and meterbands of RNW relays - now in Bahasa Indonesia today FINAL broadcast - via PHT, MDG, TRM, TIN relay sites etc. due of different commitments here in Europe in past week, like whitsun school holiday, visit on HAM Radio Fair Friedrichshafen Bodensee convention, and last but not least the spectacular EURO 2012 Football Cup live games on TV from Poland and Ukraine.

Listen to Radio Nederland Wereldomroep on English
many historical recordings im Livestream:
http://shoutcast.omroep.nl:8050/listen.pls

Internet site:
http://www.rnw.nl/english
vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

But according to HFCC data I missed already, the RNW final 9800 kHz outlet to South Asia via Trincomalee Sri Lanka relay 250 kW at 345 degrees at 1400-1457 UT. Switched on my set some 15 mins too late. Maybe our hobby colleagues in Asia fetched that program?

1900-2057 UTC
6065 (via Wertachtal Germany) 500 kW 210 degrees towards
Iberian Peninsula / Canary Isl / Madeira community,
7425 (via Madagascar) 250 kW 270 degr to southern Africa,
11615 (via Issoudun France) 500 kW 170degr towards all Africa,
and
15495 (via Vatican Radio's Santa Maria di Galeria site in Vatican State), 250 kW 193 degr towards central and western Africa. 73 wb (B¸schel, ibid.)

Yes, 9800 kHz via Trinco provided a great stable signal to 41A zone as usual as regular - an ultralight like Tecsun PL310 can tune it with telescopic antenna just 10 inch extended with stable reception!!! But at 14 UT I was listening with Sangean ATS909X today. Will also listen 1800 UT 17605 via SMG, and 1900 UT 11615 via ISS which are well heard here; 6065 WER will be an added extra if received. 73s (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, ibid.)

Forgot to check it [9800] out, too. But the only thing missed here was the technical circumstance of a Trincomalee transmitter being modulated with RNW audio for the last time. Content-wise it was the same 57 minutes recording than broadcast at 0200, 0300, 0500 and, without a shortwave outlet, at 0600, 1200 and 1300. It's the very production on which Ian commented. It is on air right now, as of 1800, as well, with 17605 from Santa Maria di Galeria (no fun inside here, there happens to be too much local noise on 16 metres), and there will be a final playout at 2000 that marks the end of RNW English.
Oh, and what was this?

"Media Network #1000 --- Jonathan Marks and Diana Janssen share some of the behind the scene stories and celebrate anecdotes with contributors. Andy Sennitt, the retiring editor of the Media Network blog in 2012, explains how he got involved with the programme. And there are plenty of memories from the loyal audience too."

They broadcast it at 0000 and 1000, and with better communication it could have caught more listeners I suspect. Now all that remains is the option to look for a possible on-demand/podcast offering.

I have to say that I find it quite disappointing how RNW handles its communication. The whole story of the RNW Indonesian farewell, in particular the additional frequencies (of which I found no details even on the webpages of the Indonesian service), could be gathered only from HFCC data. And elsewhere, in some closed shop I suspect, there were apparent misinterpretations (perhaps even of what I had posted here), resulting in additional confusion today.

[More later, will now go out, taking an inspiration from Street Scene by Kurt Weill...] (Kai Ludwig, German, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BONAIRE, 6165, 0201-, RNW, Jun 29. Final transmission from RNW in English, first to eastern North America. Fair to good reception with splatter from CKZU on 6160. Much better for the central NAm broadcast from 0259, and of course, superb reception to WCNA at 0459. Parallel of 12015 to NZ/SE Asia at fair level, with CODAR interference.

VATICAN CITY, 15495, 2039-, RNW, Jun 29. The real last few minutes of RNW in English via the Vatican heard at good level on the WCNA. This transmission was at 250 kW and beamed 193 degrees towards central and western Africa. After the final IS, NA, one final tone, and the transmitter cut at 2057. Goodbye to an old friend. You'll be terribly missed! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNW 17605 1800-1900 UT --- This frequency originates from Santa Maria de Galeria, Vatican City and is directed toward East Africa. Reception in upstate NY is fair, but listenable, on a Sony ICF-SW07 with AN-LP2 loop antenna in an office building in downtown Albany, NY (Empire State Plaza). (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

Just tuned in at 1830 and it's S9+40dB here, nice and clear, with only very slight fades ñ (Tony Molloy, nr Winter Hill, UK, SD639114, 53.6 N 2.55 W, IO83ro, ibid.)

Dear John, to correct your item in little detail:
17605, Santa Maria de Galeria, outside Vatican City
19.5 kilometers northerly in VATICAN S T A T E. 250 kW 144 degrees

Vatican Garden/City transmitter via horizontal log-periodic antenna on 3975 kHz uses only 10 kW power. 41 54'06.27"N 12 26'55.56"E
http://goo.gl/maps/wUFM

73 wolfy df5sx <http://topnews.wwdxc.de> (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Checked the various remote net rx units in Europe, fine outstanding signal of S=9+20 dB at least most over Europe from Iceland via England, Netherlands to southwestern Germany.

Only 16 mb technical dead zone Austria {OE's are so close to the Pope ...} and Switzerland signal suffers a little bit, even on Gardasea target performed a S=8 signal.

17605 pretty signal in whole Europe. And an OTHRadar from Turkey or Cyprus in range 17630 - 17650 kHz too. 73 wb (B¸schel, ibid.)

Vatican City. Radio Netherlands relay, 17605 Santa Maria. June 29, 2012. Friday. 1759-1810. YL talking at unreadable sign-on *1759, followed by unreadable OM. At 1800 managed to make out YL saying "Radio Netherlands Worldwide", but probably only because I was expecting it. All of her following talk was unreadable. No improvement by 1810 so I gave up on this last show special to Africa. But could not resist another check at 1820, only to find it had gone completely. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6065 khz just came on at 1859 UT with S9+30dB signal here, again with some slight fading (Molloy, UK, ibid.)

Admittedly, the interior of a steel and cement structure is not the ideal listening post, but my results with a Sony ICF-SW07 and its AN-LP2 loop affixed to an east facing window on the fourth floor of a 21 story building in downtown Albany, NY is as follows:

7425 (Madagascar) - inaudible (W. Africa target)
11615 (Issouden) - inaudible (W. Africa target)
15495 (Santa Maria di Galeria) - poor-fair (W. Africa target)
17605 (Santa Maria di Galeria) - fair-good (E. Africa target)
(John Figliozzi, 1910 UT June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strong signal in Romania on 6065 kHz. ñ (Tudor Vedeanu, (Gura Humorului, Romania) 1916 UT, ibid.)

At 1905 UT pretty fine northern summer evening propagation

6065 Wertachtal S=9+30 - 40dB in ITA/GER/AUT, and also S=9+15dB in Iceland.

7425 Madagascar, unexpected fine signal, S=9+5dB in Iceland and central Europe.

Surprisingly 11615 kHz signal from Issoudun suffered a little bit in central Europe; I guess the reflector net towards north protected [prevented] better signal northwards. S=6 only in central Europe, but S=9+15 dB signal further northwesterly in Iceland.

15495 from Vatican State SMG site S=8-9 in SUI/AUT/GER/HOL. S=9+25dB

in Iceland. 73 wb (B¸schel, ibid.)

Goodbye RNWereldomroep --- Final two hours (1900-2057 UT) now underway with look back at the Last 50 years of RNW. Good on 6065 kHz (to Europe) as expected but I'm listening on 17605 kHz also very good (via Vatican) despite target said to be East Africa (17605 also was excellent 1800-1900). (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, 1922 UT June 29, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

6065 is about 6 sec behind 17605 here, 17605 is still S10+ on my ICF-2001D just using the whip antenna! (Molloy, 1935, dxldyg via DXLD)

And 15495 is in sync with 17605 and a steady S9 on my Eton G6 and its tiny little whip! (Molloy, 1939, ibid.)

17605 gone, clear at 1957 (Molloy 1958 UT, ibid.)

RNW English - the last two hours --- Switched on the radio at 1857 and unexpectedly found other programming with tinny sounding audio on 6065. Turned out to be Voice of America, in Albanian and via Biblis as looking up afterwards revealed (also that in fact this service still exists and is still transmitted on shortwave). At 1858 SAH erupted and 6065 became a bad mess of Wertachtal and Biblis until the latter finally went off at 1900.

By this time also the other listed frequencies were on air, 11615 from Issoudun, 7425 from Talata Volonondry and 15495 plus 17605 from Santa Maria di Galeria, mentioned in the order of signal strength with 11615 being pretty close to 6065. Shortly after 1900 strong Middle Eastern wobble jamming erupted on 7425 but soon disappeared again, after someone realized that he had the wrong frequency, it seems.

Let's check out the delays: Talata is first, Issoudun and Santa Maria di Galeria are about a third second behind, presumably using Hotbird as signal source. And Wertachtal again runs way behind, almost five seconds. They must be using some other signal source (Astra 1L?) for whatever reason, as it was already the case with the defunct Dutch service.

Also of note is the audio processing on 11615, with more bass and less piercing upper-mids than one otherwise hears from Issoudun nowadays. Makes one wonder if it perhaps is a clue about the transmission equipment in use.

The programming appears to be what has been posted on their website ("appears" because all the server yields right now is 502 - Proxy Error): First a 30 minutes retrospective with archive material, then a trailer for "from July 1 RNW is promoting free speech" (instead of

providing independent journalism), now a programme about Dutch popular music of which some is pretty similar to German Schlager.

On satellite the corpse of the Dutch service is still up, i.e. the "RNW 1" channel, still carrying the loop that has been put on there on May 11 at 2102 or thereabouts. "RNW 3" has still Spanish programming which right now is on "RNW 8" as well while "RNW 9" carries English.

And the radio will now stay on 6065 until it's over (Kai Ludwig, 1949 UT, ibid.)

Very good signal on 6065 kHz in South-Western part of Romania (Andrei PÓrvan, 1953 UT, ibid.)

I've got it back on the internet as SW reception at my compromised QTH is now almost non-existent. Of the frequencies announced, only 15495 is producing even minimal audio here. Will stick with it, though, in the hope I can catch the final moments (John Figliozzi, in Albany, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15495 is good here in WNY on a full 1/4 wave vertical. Cheers, Doc (Mark F. Tattenbaum, M.F.A. 2016 UT, swprograms via DXLD)

Very sad. Just listened to this closedown from a country I've always thought as good as the UK. Having listened to radio NL for over 50 years I really don't know what more to say. Regards, (Gareth.
Sent using BlackBerryÆ from Orange, bdxcuk yg via DXLD)

If you missed last RNW --- Hello everyone, just want to let you know that if you missed the last RNW program I have made it available on my youtube channel in a 5 part video. Each part ranges from 10 to 14 minutes. All 5 parts cover the full one hour of program with the view of my Icom IC-r8500. You can go to http://www.youtube.com/tecmtl and type RNW in the search box or, here are the links to each part :

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UkOyqlUqeA&feature=plcp
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3xgLeUKad4&feature=channel&list=UL
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIDwrCRYjbI&feature=channel&list=UL
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-2Mx-4Bj9M&feature=channel&list=UL
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-AxtltRTJ0&feature=channel&list=UL
73's ! (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via DXLD)

Farewell and thank you from RNW --- If you missed it on the radio here's the download link
http://download.radionetherlands.nl/rnw/smac/cms/farewell_and_thank_you_from_rnw_20120629_64_44_2.mp3
(Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, ibid.)

RNW's Media Network #1000 - alternate web link

Hopefully everyone is aware that today is Radio Netherlands' last day as an English Language service. Special shortwave frequencies were operational last night (early UT Friday) in North America. If you missed them live (as I did), most of the programming is airing today until 2057 UT on RNW's web stream, which I am capturing for later listening.

I noticed that the 1000th edition of Media Network, which aired live at 0000 and 1000 UT, is not scheduled for the rest of the day. However, that program remains available at the "Vintage Vault" that Jonathan Marks maintains. Its URL:
http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/webpage/mn-01-03-2000-the-1000th-edition-of-media-network
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

La Rosa de Tokio para este fin de semana: Homenaje a Radio Nederland

La Rosa de Tokio es un programa dedicado a difundir el apasionante mundo de la radio y del diexismo que se transmite semanalmente desde los estudios de LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires.

Este fin de semana homenajearemos a Radio Nederland Wereldomroemp, la cual dÌas pasados dejÛ la onda corta. Se trata sin lugar a dudas de la emisora m·s querida de la onda corta y su desapariciÛn deja un vacÌo imposible de cubrir. Escucharemos las voces que nos acompaÒaron durante dÈcadas, como las de Jorge Valdez, "Pancho" Ib·Òez, Alfonso Montealegre, Jaime B·guena y Sergio Acosta, entre otros.

No se pierdan los archivos de audio histÛricos con los cuales se "ilustrara" cada programa. Puede ser escuchada los dÌas s·bados de 1200 a 1300 Tiempo Universal Coordinado (09:00 a 10-00 hora LU) por los 1270 Khz y en Internet por http://www.amprovin cia.com.ar/

Adem·s, una extensa red de emisoras de frecuencia modulada de toda la Rep˙blica Argentina retransmite en forma semanal nuestro programa en diferentes dÌas y horarios.

La Rosa de Tokio tambiÈn sale por onda corta gracias a las facilidades brindadas por WRMI Radio Miami Internacional http://www.wrmi.net/

TambiÈn puede ser escuchada en cualquier momento entrando en la p·gina ProgramasDX y haciendo "click" en
http://programasdx.com/larosadetokio.htm

Desde este vÌnculo tambiÈn podr·n acceder al archivo que recaba ediciones anteriores del programa. La Rosa de Tokio es producida y

conducida por Omar JosÈ Somma y Arnaldo Leonel Slaen y cuenta con la colaboraciÛn habitual de RubÈn Guillermo Margenet (Slaen, June 29, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

RNW Farewell --- It was a classy, inspired, quintessentially RNW move to open a shortwave frequency for North America for one last evening. I shut off the internet radio, set up the Eton E1 in the veranda (it's summer here) and luxuriated in a strong, clear RNW signal from Bonaire on 6165 kHz, just like the "old days". I enjoyed the experience so much, that I listened to the very same program three times as your target shifted hours from east to central to western North America.

I recall when, after the "Save BBC World Service" effort failed to alter the BBC's decision to shut down shortwave to North America, RNW stepped in immediately using the abandoned BBC frequencues to provide us solace and sustenance. That, too, was quintessentially RNW. There have been many such "losses" for us listeners to absorb over the last decade, but for me this one hurts the most.

Thank you to all, past and present, at RNW for all you have done to make radio that truly mattered for so many years. Rest assured, I will be a frequent and consistent visitor to your archive so I might relive often the "golden age of radio" that RNW created and maintained for decades. Thank you and godspeed to all of you (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, June 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Madagascar. Radio Netherlands relay, 7425 Talata Volondry. June 29, 2012. Friday. *1859-2057*. Carrier on at 1858, s9+10. Audio on at *1859 with frequency announcements and IS bells in the background. At 1900, welcome to the final two hours, beginning with "The First Fifty Years". This was a fascinating and nostalgic two hours. What can I say? Farewell Radio Netherlands, and thank you for the past 50 years. But despite your invitations, listening via the web is not a viable or economic proposition for me, so R.I.P. Good for the first hour, but the second hour was a bit difficult at times due to QRM, apparently co-channel but unidentified. 11615 and 15495 to West Africa, and 17605 to East Africa, were not reaching South Africa at all. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, June 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

> The Last Show is being repeated at 1800 on 17605 Vatican
> which may be audible in NAm; 1900 and 2000

Actually the 1900-2000 hour contained other material, see the description in my log report.

> From July 2, only two RNW SW broadcasts remain on the HFCC
> schedule, both via BONAIRE:
> M-F 0930-1000 6020 Dutch to Caribbean (but will it be RNW or

> domestic relay?); and if so, why is it aimed due south??

It is not. HFCC shows antenna code 925. So they're using a HQ 1/0.3, a quadrant antenna which is non-directional and radiates rather steeply upwards. Thus the 180 deg. figure is meaningless, like the 210 deg. figure for Wertachtal-5955 was (it was on a quadrant antenna as well, in this case one consisting of two stacked dipoles). See http://www.antenna.be/hq.html

> and:
> M-F 1100-1157 9895 Spanish at 320 degrees. This is explicitly
> for countries ``lacking press freedom``, naming Cuba, Venezuela
> and Mexico (Mexico????). [...]
>
> According to RNW`s Spanish website, final show in that language
> would occur live at 1330-1430 Friday June 29 (or 1400-1500?
> Conflicting info), not on the air then but live video.

And what's the point in bidding such a farewell at all when the service is in fact to continue, just at a smaller scale? This only raises even more questions about the "promoting free speech" thing. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It is 52 minutes only which was common in all farewell hour but secret lied on the rest 5 minutes every hour something different - I listened 5 UT, 6 UT, 14 UT, 18 UT and 20 UT; difference was there in the 5 secret minutes. Interesting ones were in 1800 and 2000 UT. At 1824 UT Ashley Willson read few letters; one of them was by John Figliozzi, USA.

And 6065 kHz via WER gave beautiful reception 34434 here in India, better than 17605 via SMG 34333 and 11615 ISS 34433 (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, ibid.)

...a "Goodbye", the interval signal, and the national anthem, then the transmitter was switched off. Fair to good SW audio but had to go outside; too much QRM inside. The webstream continued after that point, but was silent (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA 2103 UT June 29, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. JONATHAN GROUBERT CLOSES RADIO NETHERLANDS ENGLISH SERVICE --- Jonathan Groubert closed down the English service of Radio Netherlands at 2057 June 29 live from Studio 4.

The last five minutes started with Eddie Startz with A Nice Cup of Tea from the Happy Station Show, Jonathan said that the station`s pedigree goes back to the dawn of radio which is why he played the Happy Station signature tune which itself started in 1927 as part of PCJ

Radio. He later faded in the RNW carillon, Merck Toch Hoe Sterch and said:

ìFor 65 years weíve been a broadcaster that had the tremendous good fortune to be totally editorially independent. We were never a government mouthpiece. This was a rare thing during the heydays of shortwave, and it is today.

So as of Monday, we are being asked to look at the world and search for places where the media is less than free and lend a hand. In some cases weíll be going to them and where thatís not possible, we will help them come to us. Itís a worthy task and I, for one, am happy to do it because, frankly, thatís what we were doing anyway, right?

Hundreds of you have written in over the last weeks. Weíve read all your comments and we feel good. So thank you for writing. Above all, thank you for listening. Thank you for valuing what we did. Thank you for letting us know it was worthwhile. We are profoundly moved and we hope that sometimes, we moved you too. As Dr. Seuss said, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." And so, on behalf of all of us here, for the last time, from Hilversum in Holland, this is Radio Netherlands, The Dutch International Service. Thank you for listening and goodbye.î

As his words ended the carillon played out for a minute, the national anthem of the Netherlands, Wilhelmus played and then there was silence. A recording of the last five minutes and complete transcript can be found on the Radio Netherlands website at
http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/thank-you-listening
(July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Well, either World Radio Network never got the message or they didn't have or take the time to line up a replacement for RNW's slot because all that's running on WRN North America at 2200 UTC is a loop using a xylophone rendition of a portion of the RNW interval signal and an announcment saying, "This channel is no longer carrying RNW; for information... consult the web site..."

I suppose this could be intentional, but one thing is certain: Loss of RNW programming leaves WRN with big holes in its schedules to fill.
(John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Last minutes of RNW English [1 Attachment]
<*>[Attachment(s) from Kai Ludwig included below]

Ignore this if you consider it as betrayal to own a very close equivalent to a studio recording. Otherwise change in case of problems the file name extension to .mp2; this is the original satellite

transport stream which of course is MPEG 1 Layer II rather than Layer III.

The recorded farewell programme obviously originated from a classic production studio like shown at
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Radio_Nederland_Wereldomroep_studio.jpg
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Radio_Nederland_Wereldomroep_studio4.jpg

Of note is the apparent ground loop on the mic source there; it could be heard even on the 6065 kHz transmission, being sucked up by the Optimod.

The studio from which, as described, the automated English service playout run presumably looks like this:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/rnw/2632801269/

...although the last words hardly sounded like a Neumann BCM 104 but something inferior. But who knows what kind of heavy mic processing may be in use in these booths.

Those who have recorded the earlier playouts may compare: How has the IS and NA thing, as already described by Glenn from the early Bonaire transmissions, been handled there? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, with a brief attachment to the dxldyg, via DXLD)

And here's what now can be heard on the former satellite channels of RNW English. The Spanish service is still on air, as observed in the 2100-2200 hour on the "RNW 3" channel. On Hotbird "RNW 8" still relays that while "RNW 9" now has a 1 kHz tone (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

[ODXA] Behind-the-scenes at RNW

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http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/webpage
(Andy Sennitt, Holand, ODXA yg via DXLD)

> Without intending to voice suspicion I would appreciate some
> evidence for this final farewell really having been done live.

Thanks to Jonathan Marks who perhaps was the only one to think of this:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/jonathanmarks

What made be laughing out loud was the photo of the JRC, tuned to 6095. That's of course not the frequency on which Wertachtal transmitted this broadcast but instead; well, I think that's well known.

And on page 2 (of course it all will move back when new photos are posted) is also a photo of the network operations centre we recently discused ("what is NOC").

Photos in a context and interviews / mic recording in the studio:
http://criticaldistance.blogspot.nl/2012/06/radio-netherlands-signoff.html

More recordings from Kim Elliott; note his comment on the closure loop: "A bit eerie, as if playing the RNW interval signal on the bones of the old Radio Nederland Wereldomroep."
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=13434

And a recording of the last minutes as heard on 6065 kHz:
http://soundcloud.com/info-1329/the-last-moments-of-radio
(Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A set of 27 photos of Radio Netherlands signoff by Jonathan Marks.
http://www.flickr.com/photos/jonathanmarks/sets/72157630387848776/with/7469428046/

Media Network Vintage Vault 2012 : Media Network Jingle Montage 1985-1996
http://traffic.libsyn.com/jonathanmarks/MNJingleMontage19801990.mp3
(via Jonathan Marks FB, via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, July 2, 2012, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: [Lista ConDig] Rv: La emisiÄ ¢√≥n final de cierre de una etapa d
Fri Jun 29, 2012 8:27 am (PDT) . Posted by: "Horacio Nigro" hanigrodx

SaliÛ todo fant·stico. En muchos momentos se me piantÛ un lagrimÛn... y cuando al final de la trasmisiÛn, el micrÛfono quedÛ con el sonido ambiente, el murmullo de los asistentes, alg˙n dialogo en holandÈs, subiÛ el vol˙men y por un momento me imaginÈ estar junto a ellos en ese salÛn de Witte Kruislaan 47, Hilversum.

Zepeda, como siempre ha sido su caracterÌstica personal, estuvo magnÌfico! GrabÈ el streaming y se est· renderizando en este momento el video de una hora, en este momento.

Notorias ausencias de Jaime Baguena y Alfonso Montealegre (Horacio Nigro, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Video, captura de pantalla, despedida RNW Serv Latinoam 29_06_2012

En este enlace pueden descargar el video en formato mp4 de la emisiÛn de hoy, despedida de la SecciÛn Latinoamericana de Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, que grabÈ desde mi computador mediante captura de pantalla del "streaming". Sepan disculpar los amigos el alboroto inicial de cierre de ventanas, pero enseguida se puede visualizar correctamente y si activan la pantalla completa en vuestro reproductor de video, se ver· tal como se recibiÛ. Son 180 y poco m·s de Megabytes para bajar.
http://www.mediafire.com/?37b7pi6f53oe452

Espero que en alg˙n momento se ponga en el sitio web de RNW el video m·s prolijito. 73 (Horacio Nigro, ibid.)

RNW emision especial de despedida: Video ya est· en lÌnea en el sitio de RNW y en reproduccion continuada (reproducciÛn "sin fin"), el video de la emision especial, de despedida de hoy
http://www.rnw.nl/espanol
Mi video capturado, y del que ofrecÌ el enlace para su descarga hace un rato, tiene una desincronizaciÛn pista de audio/video de unos segundos, lamentablemente (Horacio Nigro, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Final RNW Spanish language broadcasts

Last two hours of Spanish now going out via Bonaire. 6165 with locally generated IS at 2359, then usual switch to live(?) feed at 0000, but got more IS! Thought for a moment Bonaire had gone to now-discontinued studio link! Time pips 35 seconds late, then program started. Perhaps recorded on an earlier feed? Poor signal into Houston on the South American beam at this early evening hour (Houston sunset 0127) but improving as broadcast progressed (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, 0035 UT June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Second hour at 0100 started out the same way as previous transmission, but had time pips on time, then more IS, then time pips 40 seconds late before programming began. Strong signal on 6165 on the CA/Mexico beam into Houston.

HFCC still shows a Spanish transmission until October 28 at 1100-1157 Mon-Fri on 9895, beam 320 degrees from Bonaire. Wooden registration or the real thing? Would be for Cuba, I guess (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

The 11 transmission on 9895 they have been talking about, so tonight was not really the final Spanish from RNW, just from the old RNW. The new RNW will use that hour for ``press freedom`` M-F starting next week. We await the jamming (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

FAREWELL TO RNW'S SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS FROM BONAIRE

RNW has produced a short video marking the end (almost) of the RNW relay station on Bonaire, narrated by Eric Beauchmin. The last regular Spanish broadcast ended at 0157 UT this morning.

At the end, you can see how emotional the occasion was for those in the Spanish Department, most of whom have been made redundant.

http://www.rnw.nl/english/video/farewell-rnws-shortwave-broadcasts-bonaire

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http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/webpage

Jonathan has also added some photos at
http://criticaldistance.blogspot.nl/2012/06/radio-netherlands-signoff.html

BTW The shortwave radio pictured is tuned to 6095 kHz, but the English broadcast to Europe was actually on 6065 kHz. I have alerted Jonathan to this inexactitude :-) (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, June 30, ODXA yg via DXLD)

> Re: At 2055, a unison ``good-bye!``,
> Carillon is, 2056 NA, which now sounds so sad, 2057* off.
> This was not exactly the way the 0500 broadcast ended, and
> I read reports from others that the last 5 minutes changed
> from one transmission to another. Wish we had known that
> was going to happen.

Indeed. It appears that not only the last five minutes but every five minutes after a playout of the 52 minutes "thank you and farewell" programme had been done live.

> One thing I should add about the content as heard after 0500:
> someone blamed the new right-wing government for RNW`s virtual
> demise.

As a friend already commented on the "technical glitch" (yeah, sure) at RCI: Such things must be done live!

> The [almost] final Spanish broadcast via Bonaire 6165 [...]
> Spanish just stopped at 0157, no IS, no NA, and open carrier
> stayed on past 0205.
>
> From July 2, Spanish is to continue from RN

For now, checked in the late morning of July 1, the continuous program stream on Astra 1L in Europe ("RNW 3") still continues as well.

> to be reconfigured at the end of the A-12 season, and
> presumably from somewhere other than Bonaire

Definitely according to the latest report from RNW on the Bonaire matter. And no one will take over the facility which thus has to be dismantled:
http://www.rnw.nl/english/video/farewell-rnws-shortwave-broadcasts-bonaire
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From
http://www.rnw.nl/english/video/farewell-rnws-shortwave-broadcasts-bonaire
A new 5-minute report by Eric Beauchmin, which includes some old video about the construxion of the Bonaire relay

Rob Kievit 30 June 2012 - 10:12pm reply: Thank you for your message, Anonymous. Allow me to clarify one point, though. The cuts imposed on Radio Netherlands are solely the work of the Dutch government of the day. In no way have the European Union or German banks demanded such a decision.

In fact, the European Union is well-disposed towards international broadcasting and freedom of expression, and is willing to put its money where its multilingual mouth is. For four years, Brussels provided indispensable financial support to our programme, Network Europe. Need I say more?

The fact is that the Dutch government has committed itself to European rules for national budgets. Faced with the need for cuts, the outgoing coalition looked through its ideologically-tinted glasses for easy targets and decided to cut back on development aid and public broadcasting (and a lot of other things which don't bring in profits for big business). Rob Kievit, Radio Netherlands

Eric Beauchemin 30 June 2012 - 12:11pm reply: The last regular Spanish-language programme was an hour-long goodbye. It also included a fond adios at the end of the show, but the Latin American Department chose to play out with a Cuban singer, which is why that was included in the video. The silence was exactly what followed at 0157 UT, when the transmitters in Bonaire were turned off.

The last Moments of Radio Netherlands International on shortwave 6065
From the RNW website. This is exactly what I heard last night on 6065 kHz at 2053-2057 UT. I thought then that there was a transmitter hum from Wertachtal and this confirms it. Listener Andreas Knedlik recorded the last goodbye as he heard it on shortwave in Europe.
http://soundcloud.com/info-1329/the-last-moments-of-radio
(Don't be alarmed - that's the URL. Radio is still alive and well J)
(Andy Sennitt, June 40, ODXA yg via DXLD)

RADIO NETHERLANDS SAYS FAREWELL IN STYLE
http://swling.com/blog/2012/07/radio-netherlands-says-farewell-in-style/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=radio-netherlands-says-farewell-in-style
Posted on July 2, 2012 by Thomas

Thursday night, by the light of an oil lamp, I tuned my trusty Sony portable shortwave to 6165 kHz. At 0200 UT, I was rewarded with a rich, full signal from Radio Netherlands Worldwide¥s transmission site in Bonaire. Here in this off-grid cabin, on sixty rural acres, I bask in the freedom from electrical noise that might otherwise interfere with my shortwave radio listening-at least in this respect, this is the perfect DXpedition cabin.

The signal coming out of Bonaire, however, would have overcome any interference: Radio Netherlands, my dear friend of some 32 years, had opened a special frequency for those of us in eastern North America; in order to say their good-byes to the airwaves.

I can only describe the experience of listening as radio bliss, pure radio bliss, marred only by the bittersweet realization that these were RNW¥s final days on the air. The experience harkened back to the day when the big broadcasters had booming signals directed toward us.

But, alas. All too brief.

The broadcast was simply entitled Farewell and Thank You. You can hear it just as I heard it-through my recording-here:

Then, all day Friday, for nearly 24 hours straight, RNW bid good-bye and farewell to various parts of the world via shortwave, satellite and the internet. I was lucky enough to catch two more broadcasts.

This time of day (1900 UT), however, I needed bigger ears than the Sony could provide. I was listening to broadcasts targeting west and east Africa, not North America. Having already charged my laptop battery, I plugged in the Bonito Radiojet (an SDR that I¥m currently

reviewing) and, just before 1900 UT, directed her towards 17605 kHz. Though my Sony found the signal barely audible, the RadioJet produced beautiful fidelity.

This RNW broadcast, entitled The First 50 Years, took listeners through the highlights and history of the Dutch radio service. Here¥s the recording I made with the RadioJet:

A final sign-off
RNW headquarters in Hilversum, Netherlands (photo coutesty: RNW)

At 2000 UT, RNW broadcast their very final show-a repeat of Farewell and Thank You (above) appropriately targeting Africa once more. I tuned the dial to 11615 kHz and listened again to the full broadcast. This time, however, as the program drew to its close, the broadcast crew added a personal message.

Jonathan Groubert, the talented host of The State We¥re In, broadcasted live from Hilversum¥s Studio 4 for a deeply touching adieu. Tears were shed, and I¥m not ashamed to confess that I, too, listened through a haze of them as these capable and dedicated journalists, whom I¥ve grown to trust, signed off the RNW airwaves for the last time.

But listen for yourself:

Jonathan Marks, RNW¥s host of MediaNetwork, also featured in the farewell broadcast, recorded the final sign-off from within Studio 4. You can listen to this and read the description on his excellent website.

Dank je wel, Radio Nederland

RNW - my dear radio friends - I¥m going to miss you. Your personalities - and the collective personality of RNW itself - your award-winning content, news, reporting, and your integrity stood out amongst all those Cold War broadcasters I listened to growing up - who, as you so well put it, were merely mouthpieces for their respective governments.

Radio Nederland, I loved your broadcasting because you were fearless: you marched to the beat of your own drummer, were not afraid to turn a critical eye even upon yourself, and as a result-in a world of sham journalism, of compromise and hypocrisy - you earned my trust. You had nothing to hide, and you had so many stories to tell.

RNW: I listened.

I wish you (and your intrepid creators) the very best in all that you do. I trust your new incarnation(s), whatever form they take, will do much good in this world which so sorely needs it, and sincerely believe that your integrity will live on (via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

RNW PROGRAMS SURVIVE BEYOND STATION CLOSURE --- At least in the short term. I heard "Africa in Progress" in the RNW 2200-2300 UT timeslot Saturday on WRN North America stream and WRN on Sirius/XM 120. Tonight (Sunday), I'm hearing "The State We're In" (TSWI) in the same timeslot and on the same platforms.

The TSWI Facebook page says the program will continue and offers several means for the program to be accessed by listeners. At this time, the WRN option is not mentioned, but I've posted a question on the Facebook page asking if the WRN option is to continue (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I noted a few weeks back that TWSI is being carried on WNYC in New York. I believe the scheduled time is 9 PM local on Sunday evenings. Hope this one survives too (Daniel L Srebnick, ibid.)

In Jonathan Marks' interview with Jonathan Groubert, Groubert mentioned that, for now, TSWI is continuing, but its long-term future wasn't certain. Looks like the last edition of Earthbeat will be July 27th (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA internetradio via DXLD)

This is all so sad; a hobby I grew up with is all but dead. The people advocating these cutbacks undoubtedly never knew the synchronicity of just turning a knob and hearing competing worldviews.

To be fair, this isn't about technology either. Shortwave never could offer broadcasters a reasonable way of measuring their audiences, and the Internet can get part-way there. However, you still have to be putting your views out there to have any audience. Do the Dutch really want the rest of the world to think they have nothing more to say as a people? Oh pul-ese! Competition for global resources is only going to increase, and, while we can hopefully restrain the competition to merely words, those groups with effective voices are going to be advantaged. The disadvantage of the Internet is that you must actively seek out varying views rather than just causally spinning a knob (Scott Royall, Conch Republic, swprograms via DXLD)

Dear Happy Station Group, As you know June 29th saw the last English broadcast from RNW. At the same time PCJ also did a special live 2 hour program. I'm a little shocked. In the last 20 hours after we did our program 33 emails have come in saying our program was better.

I took a listen to RNW's special when it targeted to South East Asia

and I have to say I was a little disappointed. And I'm not the only one. Except for a few minutes in the beginning they completely whitewashed any programming from the late 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s and only focused on documentaries. Was there any mention of Harry van Gelder? Jerry and Dody Cowan? Nevil Grey? John van der Steen? or others? No! It's almost that this era or RNW or the entertainment era or the era what made RNW what it was never existed.

Personally I found it very insulting that they just ignored this part of RN`s history. Also some of the facts were wrong. Eddy Startz didn't stop doing Happy Station in 1970. It was 1969. Pete Myers didn't do Happy Station for several years, it was only two until the show was put to rest by Jonathan Groubert. The mention they had on Pete Myers was pitiful.

And what about Tom. If you listen to what they said, it's written as if Tom is dead. Well Tom is very much alive. To not even invite Tom who hosted Happy Station and was the manager of the Happy Station section (yes Happy Station was its own section at RNW) for 22 years, and a few years before that in the Dutch section is just pathetic.

Maybe it's because I have been living in Eastern culture for a number of years. But if this was done in Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea (even North Korea), Thailand, Indonesia, and everywhere else this would be considered worse than an insult.

Oh well RNW must have bad 風水 (feng shui)
(Keith Perron, Taiwan, June 29, thehappystation yg via DXLD)

Keith, I agree with everything you said. The names you mentioned bring back memories. John Van Der Steen-host of Dutch by Radio. The others need no explanation. I would like to hear what Tom thinks. He posts here from time to time. He I am sure would mince no words. Tom WAS Radio Netherlands.

I recall a conversation he and I had at the EDXC meeting in Barcelona many years ago. He said something along the lines of "I can tell you this because I know you won't say anything." It was his plan to leave Radio Netherlands about 6 months later if things didn't change; and he was true to his word. He was very direct with me about what was going on back at that time.

When Tom actually left, people asked me when I knew - I fibbed and said I found out "with everyone else." Radio Netherlands problems aren't recent - this has been a 20plus year issue and the end result is what we saw happen this week.

The Dutch government should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the

demise of RNW to happen - god knows the listeners did their part. Too bad the authorities didn't (Maryanne Kehoe, GA?, ibid.)

Maryanne, Yes the listners do deserve the jibe you threw ".... listeners did their part....". It`s very sad to think now that Radio Nederlands is part of History and we can no longer tune in to the station. I stopped listening to Radio Nederlands once Tom Meyer was out of it and Happy Station started sounding like unhappy station with very amateurish broadcasts subsequent to Tom.

I have fond memories of Radio Nederlands right from 1970s starting with DX Juke Box, Media Net Work, His and Hers and the one and only Happy Station. Thanks to many listeners world over, some recordings are available here and there.

All good things come to an end and we cannot help it. But Radio Nederland was killed I think from within and as rightly said by you the process started some two decades back with hectoring bureaucrats ruling the roost.

I just wonder when Dutch Govt. stopped funding the English service of Radio Nederlands, what they must be thinking. After all, any Radio Station of a country creates wonderful sense of friendship towards that country, its culture and people. The same Dutch Government must be spending millions of Guilders to keep up their Embassies, Consulates and what not. Whatever good will all these Embassies and the Bureaucrats in such Offices can create in 100 years, Radio Nederland English Service can (and it did create) create within an hour of its broadcast. The Clerks in the Govt will never realise this. All the best and 73s to all the Radio Nederland Listeners (SIVARAMAPRASAD KAPPAGANTU, FROM MUMBAI, INDIA. http://naablaagulu.blogspot.com/ ibid.)

Maryanne's actually a little late with her announcement by a number of years. I was boycotting RN ever since Tom left. Not that anything any of us does ever makes a difference to RN or any other broadcaster under a financial gun. Money trumps all (Clara Listensprechen, ibid.)

Clara, I saw the writing on the wall when Tom and I had that conversation. That was, what, something like 15 years ago. These issues with RNW are not recent (Maryanne Kehoe, ibid.)

I'm very much aware of that. I am responding to your post in THIS year, in that regard. The problems RN faces are, we pretty much agree on the whole, self-inflicted. Bringing Keith into the mix of what's water long gone under the bridge is really neither here nor there. Keith has made Happy Station his own program, while Tom Meijer's production remains uniquely Tom's no matter how much work Keith puts

into stuff. That pretty much sums it all up, methinks (Clara, ibid.)

I began listening to RN in the late 60s / early 70s. Was a huge fan of "His and Hers" (they even sang Happy birthday to me on the show, "DX Jukebox," etc. I learned "Dutch By Radio" and took their antenna course. These shows made me want to visit that country.

Sadly, they were a shell of their former selves at the end. So many Holland specific programs were replaced by "The State We're In" which had NOTHING to do with the Netherlands. That's when I bailed. The documentaries were okay, but that special feeling they enjoyed with their listeners was gone. I wrote them a lengthy email on this issue suggesting they return to their roots, but unsurprisingly it was never answered.

On another note, did anyone record the final "His and Hers" show they supposedly played yesterday? Thanks. (Dennis Demarco, KA3QOT, ibid.)

Morning Everyone, Today while I was walking the dogs I listened again to the final program. While I feel proud to have contributed to their final program. I wished everyone had a chance to hear the full unedited version I sent them. If anyone is interested let me know and I can post the file.

Tom told me many, many, years ago when we were both young and beautiful about how it was for him when he took over from Eddy Startz. It sounded terrible. But he made it his own and the rest as they say his history. For myself it took me a few months to as they say get into a groove. And I'm still tweaking.

Tom cannot be Eddy, I cannot be Tom. As Tom said on the first new show in 2009. God the last thing we need is two idiots. LOLOL!

There is a saying in Chinese. I've done a direct translation so it might lose something, but I think you will get the idea.

"Serious people go through life sad, depressed, cynical, and angry. Only the idiots are happy and feel it was a job well done. Let's all welcome Maitrya the god of happiness and celebrate the idiots." (I think you get the gist) (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.)

Nicely put, Keith. And for the record, I thought Pete Myers did a wonderful job as Happy Station's wicked witch of the Lowlands. Everyone has brought their own character to the show, and that's all for the good. -gar (Gregory A. McVey-Russell, July 2, ibid.)

NEW ERA BEGINS FOR RNW ON SW

RNW not completely gone from SW: Woke up in time to hear "La Matinal" at 1100 July 2; varying fair to good signal on 9895 on mostly daylight path from Bonaire (Houston sunrise 1125.)

Familiar IS at 1059, then opening announcement at 1100 mentioning SW, satellite, and internet availability; then lengthy (17 minutes) update and analysis of the Mexican presidential election, a brief report on the latest international talks about Syria, then a feature on the impact of Hispanics on the American presidential contest. At 1127 three minutes of promos directing listeners towards website content, then a repeat of La Matinal at 1130.

Glenn had wondered about jamming of this broadcast. No sign of it during the half-hour I listened (Houston is 1500 km from Havana.) In a way, it's like nothing has changed. I suspect programming will evolve in the next few months. Did anyone hear the 0930 transmission to Suriname this morning on 6020, supposedly the only other remaining SW from RNW? (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DXLD)

9895, July 3 at 1149 I am awake early enough to confirm that R. Nederland still exists! With this single Spanish frequency-hour from 1100 via BONAIRE. Good signal but more fading than I would have expected, aimed toward Cuba and USward. 1153 plugged RN`s new sexy website, http://www.hablemosdeamor.nl --- so it seems not just press freedom but sexual health is the remit of RN! The Dutch libertines know all about free sex. No jamming audible yet, and maybe if `La Matinal` stays away from Cuban/exile politix, it will survive intact. More likely the Vatican would jam it, ha (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noticia enviada por Jaime B·guena de Radio Nederland de Holanda, que tiene que ver con la retransmisiÛn de programas histÛricos de la radio a travÈs de la web:

"He dejado programados desde el pasado s·bado 0200 UT hasta el 31 de octubre a las 2359:59 UTC, casi un total de 300 espacios que fueron producidos desde 1950 hasta el 2000. AsÌ que todos los amigos podr·n volver a disfrutar del sonido de antaÒo de la que fue la querida RNW. Por ejemplo, reciÈn esta maÒana se acaba de emitir el Espacio DX-ista que fuera difundido por primera vez el 21 de marzo de 1980! De los casi 300 espacios, por ejemplo he programado la serie "De los Archivos de Radio Nederland". El primer episodio se difunde hoy lunes a las 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 01, 03, 05, 07 y 09 UT. El segundo el martes a las horas pares (de 14 a 10 UT). El tercero el jueves a las horas impares, etc. El Espacio DX-ista y/o Radio-Enlace, sale los jueves en las horas impares. Happy Station los lunes en horas pares (y con repeticiÛn los domingos en horas impares). Desde la semana 38, los miÈrcoles y en la horas impares se difundir· la serie "El lado oculto de la radio".

TambiÈn podr·n disfrutar de otras series muy buenas como Vamos a Entendernos, Protagonistas Musicales, cantidad de viejos Radioteatros. .. en fin que hay algo para todos los gustos. Todos los programas que se emiten de lunes a jueves se vuelven a repetir entre el jueves (horas pares) y el domingo."
http://shoutcast.omroep.nl:8126/
(via Luis Valderas, Chile en Frecuencia al Dia, FB via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Jul 12 2012, condiglist yg via DXLD)

No se puede bajar, salvo que vayas al sitio de archivo de RNW y bajes lo que te interese de all·, que puede coincidir con alguna grabaciÛn que se est· emitiendo. Hay en holandÈs, inglÈs y algunas cosas en espaÒol, de Tom Meyer, de Ed Startz. Y otros programas... pero no est· Radio Enlace o Espacio Diexista, asÌ que habr· que estar atento a estas emisiones streaming. Acabo de redactar algunas consideraciones de grabaciÛn de audio streaming, que envÌo en el siguiente email. (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, condiglist yg via DXLD)

I wonder if those old Espacio Diexista and Radio Enlace recordings include my Informes DX. I think they were excised from the versions distributed later to affiliates as too timely and perishable, or even of too little interest to a general auditory (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Enlace directo para bajar el video de RNW del 29 de junio

Este 29 de junio Radio Nederland puso fin a sus emisiones regulares con un programa especial de despedida transmitido en directo desde Hilversum por Internet v·a streaming, satÈlite y onda corta. Este programa final contÛ con la participaciÛn de la mayor·a de los periodistas y productores, quienes se despidieron de los oyentes, los colegas de las emisoras afiliadas en AmÈrica Latina y de los corresponsales y colaboradores.

A las 02:00 UTC, se apagÛ la seÒal de Radio Nederland desde sus repetidores en Bonaire. La nueva RNW heredÛ tan sÛlo el programa La Matinal, que seguir· emitiÈndose por los 9895 Kilohertzios e Internet, desde donde podr· ser descargado en formato mp3 y reproducido por las emisoras que conforman la red de afiliadas en LatinoamÈrica. Como se ha anunciado, luego de un recorte de su presupuesto, la emisora mundial de Holanda cambia su rumbo y contin˙a en versiÛn reducida: una pequeÒa organizaciÛn con el acento en ``free speech`` (libertad de expresiÛn)." Tomado de
http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/video/radio-nederland-puso-fin-a-sus-emisiones-regulares

El video de la emisiÛn del 29 de junio ya est· en esa p·gina del sitio web de RNW. Pero no se puede bajar directamente, pues no hay ninguna opciÛn para ello.

Aunque en su momento pude hacer una grabaciÛn de captura de pantalla que habia quedado bastante bien en cuanto a video, el audio quedÛ corrido o sincronizado por unos segundos. Se puede corregir esto con determinados programas, pero no he logrado lograr la sincronÌa correcta.

He logrado por suerte obtener el enlace directo para bajar el video de RNW. El enlace es este (botÛn derecho guardar el archivo) Download URL http://cdn.rnw.bbvms.com/rnw/media/2012/07/02/asset-1341227410725802.mp4
73 (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

Cartas@RN øcÛmo ha ido en su regiÛn la recepciÛn de La Matinal por onda corta o quiz·s por Internet? Como saben desde Èste lunes sÛlo emitimos La Matinal en una versiÛn de tr·nsito hasta la nueva RN por los 11 y los 11,30 UTC en la banda de 9895 KHZ. Mucho nos gustarÌa tener su opiniÛn. Nos pueden escribir a cartas @ rnw.nl

Adem·s informarles que en estos enlaces m·s abajo tienen la versiÛn en video y en audio del programa especial del viernes 29 de junio.
http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/video/radio-nederland-puso-fin-a-sus-emisiones-regulares
http://download.radionetherlands.nl/rnw/smac/cms/
findeunaepoca_20120629_64_44_2.mp3

Saludos y seguimos en contacto, Sergio Acosta -- Visitar Cartas@RN en:
http://cartas.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network
(via Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, July 4, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Where is RNW`s broadcast in Spanish? I've tried 9895 two the last two mornings for the Sp pgm "La Matinal" at 1100 but no luck (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I checked last on Tuesday around 1135 and it was there then (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, Thursday July 5, ibid.) It`s a long way off the back of the Bonaire antenna on a day path to you (gh, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. Me enterÈ que la voz del programa "Campo Agrario", Alfredo Hoffman Reyes, se fue para siempre en 2010 - El 20 de febrero de ese aÒo, el diario La Tribuna (de Honduras) le dedicÛ la siguiente nota:

http://old.latribuna.hn/2010/02/20/alfredo-hoffman/

Una de las mejores voces de la locuciÛn hondureÒa, Alfredo Hoffman Reyes, se apagÛ en dÌas recientes en el paÌs que le dio lo que el suyo no le pudo dar, empleo, bienestar y renombre a nivel internacional: Holanda.

Alfredo naciÛ con el don natural de una voz exquisita, la que con profesionalismo educÛ y, conocedor de eso, un dÌa se fue de su natal Honduras a conquistar el viejo continente.

Luego de un corto tiempo en una prestigiosa emisora de Alemania, dio el gran salto a Radio Nederland, desde donde por muchos aÒos fue una de las principales voces de las emisiones en espaÒol para AmÈrica Latina de ese importante medio de comunicaciÛn.

Alfredo se codeÛ en Alemania y Holanda con grandes voces latinoamericanas de la radiodifusiÛn latinoamericana, no solo en espacios informativos, sino tambiÈn en programas artÌsticos, culturales, educativos y cientÌficos.

Durante tres dÈcadas Alfredo Hoffman Reyes ejerciÛ la locuciÛn en Europa y despuÈs se jubilÛ.

Cuando estuvo activo en Radio Nederland venÌa con alguna frecuencia a Tegucigalpa para compartir en vacaciones con algunos contempor·neos suyos, igual que con locutores y periodistas de las nuevas generaciones a quienes les recomendaba que, si les gustaba la radio, que lo hicieran con profesionalismo si querÌan triunfar.

Algunas veces aprovechaba su estadÌa en Tegucigalpa para grabar algunas producciones de medios y agencias publicitarias locales, aunque en varias ocasiones lamentaba que uno que otro cliente quisiera pagarle una miseria por su trabajo.

Alfredo compartÌa con sus amigos en una cafeterÌa o un bar sus vivencias y experiencia en Radio Nederland, donde muchas veces le escuchamos en programas de teatro, salud, arte o tecnologÌa.

Su trabajo tambiÈn incluyÛ la producciÛn escrita de programas.

Cuando venÌa a Tegucigalpa tambiÈn participaba como invitado en programas de cristiandad orientados a la unidad de la familia, entre otras actividades de proyecciÛn social.

De Holanda admiraba el desarrollo de ese paÌs y sus leyes rigurosas, de las que decÌa que si se aplicaran en Honduras, lo primero que se mirarÌa en Tegucigalpa serÌa el orden en el tr·fico de vehÌculos.

DespuÈs de que se jubilÛ, sus viajes a Honduras fueron menos frecuentes. Alfredo deberÌa de ser un ejemplo para las nuevas voces que est·n surgiendo en el paÌs, a las que les falta educarse en todo sentido.

Antes de que se fuera a radicar a Europa, Alfredo compartiÛ en nuestro

paÌs con varios locutores y periodistas de la vieja guardia, de los que algunos se le adelantaron en el camino al viaje sin retorno, mientras que otros ya est·n retirados y unos pocos siguen activos.

Otros comenzaban como locutores cuando Alfredo ya tenÌa un nombre hecho en nuestro paÌs. Hoy no queremos recordar nombres de colegas con quienes Alfredo se iniciÛ en Honduras, porque por un olvido involuntario se nos podrÌan escapar algunos, pero todos deben saber que el afecto es igual para cada uno de ellos.

Pocas voces como la de Alfredo Hoffman Reyes, quien fue un comunicador nato, pero sobretodo fue sencillo, humilde y con mucha vocaciÛn de servicio. No exageramos al decir que la patria le debe a Alfredo el m·s grande de los reconocimientos, por el prestigio y orgullo que le dio al paÌs a travÈs de la locuciÛn.

La radiodifusiÛn nacional pesa menos sin Alfredo Hoffman Reyes, quien no fue profeta en su tierra, pero el mundo conociÛ su hermosa voz, que era como un poema en su garganta, con la que atrapÛ a millones de radioescuchas. Hasta siempre, Alfredo (via RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Si mal no recuerdo, ese programa que mencionas ("Al habla con la gente de campo" fue el predecesor de "Campo Agrario", que se irradiaba justamente los viernes de Espacio Diexista antes de la salida al aire de ese inolvidable programa que nos formo como, precisamente diexistas (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

AsÌ es Arnaldo! Se iba Don Reyes y llegaba Pancho Ib·Òez o Jorge ValdÈs, segÌn la Època. "Espacio Diexista" era mi programa obligado antes de salir con los amigos a trasnochar el viernes (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, ibid.)

"Hoy es viernes, dÌa del Espacio Diexista", era el santo y seÒa! En mi Època, inicios de 1974, Jorge ValdÈs estaba despuÈs de un programa que presentaba NÈstor Hugo C·rcamo, pero ya no recuerdo como se llamaba (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

Y los viernes, por lo menos en los 80, para mÌ eran una fiesta porque era el dÌa del Espacio Diexista, que venÌa a la tarde con la previa, que era Antena de la Amistad en KBS (la cual escuchaba por los 15575) y luego el espacio DX de Radio Budapest (en 6020 y 9835???) (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Antes de comenzar la dÈcada de los aÒos '80 utilizaban [HungrÌa] la rarÌsima frecuencia de 9833 kHz a las 2245-2300 y 0245-0300 UT, UNA EMISI”N EXCLUSIVA PARA DIEXISTAS °VERDADERAMENTE INCREÕBLE! (Margenet, ibid.) I always figured they were shooting for exactly 9 and 5/6 MHz

(gh, DXLD)

Efectivamente, LatinoamÈrica aporta excelentes profesionales de la radiodifusiÛn y Radio Nederland ha sido un "templo" donde se han consagrado las m·s grandes figuras del gÈnero. Nosotros tenemos - casi en el olvido - a Pancho Ib·nez, un verdadero orgullo en Argentina: http://robertoramasso.com/pancho-ibanez/ Feliz domingo! (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, ibid.)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI transmissions seem to have gone haywire again, or has there been another abrupt schedule change July 1? Not according to their online schedule.

11725, July 2 at 0513, no signal from 11725 AM, which is normally heard; nor any DRM on 11675 or 13730, so both transmitters off the air or moved? R Ustralia still very good on 15515, 15240, 13630.

6165-6170-6175, July 2 at 1222, DRM noise surely from RNZI during period DRM is supposedly taking a break. AM is supposed to be on 9655 during this hour, but nothing there. Could AM be on 7440, the supposed DRM channel at many other hours? Just a very weak signal there at 1222, probably CRI via Nanning. By 1240 can no longer detect the DRM on 6170 vs ambient noise level; what will happen at 1300, when AM is supposed to start? There`s the bell-bird at *1259, accurate timesignal, news. This time of year, 6170 cannot hold up much longer here, two hours into the dayside.

11725, July 3 at 0532, RNZI is audible in AM with poor signal, unlike absence 24 hours earlier; however, could not make out any DRM noise on 11670-11675-11680.

9655, checked at 1152 July 3, VP signal with song, 1200 timesignal and ``30 minute roundup of news``. Meanwhile, DRM on 7435-7440-7445 was audible before 1200, not after.

6170, today there was no DRM noise by mistake here, and I was waiting for AM to come up; it did cut on at *1258:45 saying ``in a few moments we`ll be starting transmission on 6170 kHz in the 49 meter band``, so unfortunately listeners could not have heard that on 9655 before it went off: so hard to synchronize everything exactly by remote-computer control, instead of having a real human being at the site listening to the programme feed. Then 1259 bell-bird and 1300 news, but as usual losing out to daynoise.

The how to listen page with the frequency schedule doesn`t explain what happened; for that you have to go back to the bottom of the home page under What`s New:

``Digital DRM transmitter off air today --- 02 Jul, 2012 21:32 UTC --- RNZIís digital DRM transmitter is off air today (Tuesday NZ) due to a fault. We hope to be back on with a digital service this evening. RNZIís analogue service, and website live feed, continue as normal.

RNZI off air Monday 2 July --- 02 Jul, 2012 01:08 UTC --- RNZI is off air (both the analogue and digital transmitters) this afternoon 12pm-5pm NZ time - for work at the transmission site. Internet live feed continues as usual.`` [that was 0000-0500 UT, but they were still off after 0500 July 2] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. ZLM Taupo Radio --- Hace 3 meses, pude escuchar a ZLM Taupo Radio, la ˙nica costera de Nueva Zelanda que creo sigue activa, porque me parece que Irirangi Radio ya se fue al Oriente Eterno, como dicen los integrantes de cierta asociaciÛn.
http://youtu.be/_xI1DyPTv_k
Hoy me comentan el video y resulta ser el operador de la emisora, cuya voz se escucha all· cursando el tr·fico.

Este es el tipo de sorpresas y satisfacciones que aun en esta Època de retroceso, te sigue dando este hobby. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** NIGER. 9704.99, LV du Sahel, 2101-2301*, June 30, audible after Ethiopia 9705 sign off at 2101. Local Afro-pop music. Euro-pop music. French/vernacular announcements. Local chants at 2256. Short flute IS and National Anthem at 2259. Ten second test tone at 2301 and off. Weak at 2101 but slowly improved to a fair level by 2215 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Imagine a world without radio for someone who has listened to shortwave radio for over four decades! And that is my situation today. On March 25th 2012 at about 0300 UT a gang of armed intruders forced their way into my house. They ordered me to surrender all my property and money or else I would be dead! They carried away all my radios, handsets and farm equipment. However no member of my family was injured. This explains why I have not been able to submit my monthly reports. Anyway as soon as I get a new shortwave radio I will resume my monthly reporting. DI (2492) (Dzever Ishenge, Benue State, Nigeria, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 15120, 0612-, Voice of Nigeria, Jun 15. Very good reception with news in English by a very African sounding male. Unfortunately, the very strong signal (S9 + 20) is marred by a very annoying buzz. Very much over a cochannel Chinese station. My first log on this visit to Masset!

June 15 to 17, 2012: Spent a short several days in Masset, and while there, had a bit of time to DX. Not much, mind you! While at Rose Spit, came down with a severe case of Norovirus, which made things rather difficult! Nonetheless, despite the conditions, there was always something interesting to hear!

15120, 0510-, Voice of Nigeria, Jun 16. Letterbox program at very strong level, but with the transmitter buzz, and fairly low modulation. Mentioned listeners from Italy and Argentina. Some adjacent splatter from China on 15130. Signals reached S9 + 20 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, V. of Nigeria, 0653 program of pleasant Afro vocal music. W with English ID at 0655. 0658 W with English program closing announcement and mention of FR program continuing, deadair briefly, drum music IS very very weakly. (24 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

15120, V. of Nigeria. Suddenly on at 0558:38 with OC while CRI, who was here as well, was playing Chinese music. Nigeria off 21 seconds after it came on. Back on at 0559:46 and drum IS, then news in English. Cut to low power at 0604:58 and barely audible, back up at 0605:38, lowered again and back up. Did the same thing at 0622:33, and off completely for good at 0656:56. They've obviously been having tech problems recently [like, forever --- gh]. There was almost no audio on 7255 one day. Maybe they've been trying to eliminate that buzz and caused other problems in the process. (27 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Voice of Nigeria, some observations not fitting to schedule as published in DXLD 12-24:
- 15120 DRM Abuja 1830-2000 also on Saturdays, June 23+30 at least.
- 15120 AM Ikorodu is usually not on air 1800-1830
- 7255 AM definitely observed at 1900, but likely also earlier. 73
(Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://www.africalist.de.ms June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, Voice of Nigeria; 1513-1519+, 28-June; W in English with VoN news features. SIO=242, fady & brief pulse bursts (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15120, June 29 at 0556, VON is finally on and audible, having last been heard here June 15, altho there was an open carrier June 20. Good signal level but undermodulated with some hum, YLs

conversing with laughter, poorly miked and heavily accented, almost impossible to understand, but mentioned ``Augustine``, ``born-again`` and ``evangelism``. Outro by somewhat more readable studio announceress called her an actress-evangelist. At 0559 I could barely hear CRI theme music underneath: scheduled to collide with VON`s entire English transmission 0500-0700, 322 degrees from Beijing site in Chinese.

15120, July 3 at 0604, VON with news in progress, good signal and the humwhine isn`t too severe, but awful by comparison to former colonial masters` signal which has just opened on 15105, BBCWS news in English with pristine audio. That`s 170 degrees from Woofferton during this hour, not Ascension as I expected.

At 0604 VON cut off the air, then back on as I QRT. It was certainly not on the air when I tuned by earlier around 0550, so was it on and off during that hour too, or just off?

15120, July 4 at 0437, open carrier with some hum, heavy flutter, presumably VON already warming up. Unchecked further, but that would not necessarily mean the 05-07 English transmission managed to stay on the air thruout (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, Voice of Nigeria, 0750-0757*, July 5, French talk. Local African music. Fair.

9690, Voice of Nigeria, *0759-0805, July 5, sign on with IS with local instruments. Talk in listed Hausa. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. USA, 6950, 0255-, Pirate: Wolverine Radio, Jun 17. Very good reception with 'Saturday night's all right for fighting'. Lots of static crashes from distant lightning. At 0301, kept hearing a cochannel calling: 'Radio check, over. J9 Papa, this is N8N'. Probably some sort of military traffic (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.13, Radio Free Mars, 0145-0213*, June 29, talk about Mars. Odd music. Remix of Elton Johnís Rocket Man. ID. Sound effects. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6955, XFM, 0220-0255, June 29, talk. ID. Pop, rock music. Shoutouts. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian

Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORWAY. EDWIN SOUTHWELL forwards an information sheet from his archives from Radio Norway International, originally submitted to World DX Club by STIG LINDHOLM in February 1992. I have merged that 1992 information sheet with information on the current NRK Website at http://www.nrk.no for the following feature on Radio Norway International.

The first step was taken towards broadcasting in Norway in 1923 as a series of test broadcasts were made from Tryvann and Kongensgate in Oslo.

Two years later, in 1925, the first broadcasting company was founded, and the first year of regular radio broadcasts became reality. 1925 was also the first year that the licence fee was collected. A permit was also required to own a radio. Local offices were opened

The first legislation covering NRK was passed in 1933, and the company was reestablished under its current name. All private broadcasting was shut down. NRK opened its first local offices in Troms¯, Bod¯, Trondheim, ≈lesund, Bergen, Stavanger, and Kristiansand that year. These cities had hosted private broadcasters before then, but became part of NRK under the new legislation.

In 1935 the first mobile unit for producing radio programmes was developed, and radio increased its popularity.

NRK started broadcasting on shortwave, a 5 kW transmitter at Lambertseter, Oslo, in the late thirties, but transmissions were discontinued during the German occupation of Norway, 1940-45. During the war, transmissions to occupied Norway, however, continued from the BBC and from WRUL in Boston, USA.

"This is London"

By the outbreak of World War II, NRK's broadcasts reached half the population. This increase was naturally dramatically set back by the war. The words îDette er London!" ñ This is London ñ became legend.

These words promised contact between the occupied homeland and the free, allied world. Broadcasting from its true premises was not possible, only brief war propaganda. Cooperation between the BBC in Britain and the London-based branch of the NRK led to creation of the daily programme îLondon Radioî, which was broadcasted to thousands of illegal radios around the nation.

By the end of World War II, radio had received a new status in

Norwegian homes and the number of receivers quickly grew to the same level as before the war. In 1948, the Parliament decided that a Director General should oversee both programmes and administration. KÂre Fostervoll was appointed the first Director General.

After the war, a shortwave station was built at Fredrikstad, in the south-eastern part of the country, transmitting solely to the North Atlantic and North America. Later, however, new transmitters were added, and service expanded. In the beginning, programmes were aimed at Norwegian sailors (Norway has always been a major maritime nation), but a weekly half hour programme in English was quickly added, to make further use of the possibilities of shortwave broadcasting.

By 1992, Radio Norway International operated a 350 kW station at the original site at Fredrikstad, but due to environmental reasons, the new transmitters (2 x 500 kW at Kvitsoy and 1 x 500 kW at Sveio) had to be built elsewhere.

Some 216 people are employed at Radio Norway International, which is a part of the NRK (the national public service radio and TV network). The studios are in the broadcasting house in Oslo, and programmes are relayed to the main transmitter at Kvitsoy via link, and Kvitsoy is responsible for further distribution to the transmitters. The newsroom was manned from 05.45 AM to 00.30, but transmissions were 24 hours. The control room and the studio were fully automated.

The weekly half hour in English was produced by the regular staff, who also make programmes in Norwegian. The budget was around 1 million US $ annually.

NRK did QSL listeners' reports, but only QSL'd once in each frequency period.

Shortwave broadcasting from Norway ended on 1 January 2002.

Radio in Norway Today

NRK P1 is Norwayís largest radio station, aiming to provide good content to a wide group of listeners over the age of 30. This station places emphasis on news, music, entertainment and everyday journalism.

P1 is also a contingency station, broadcasting news programmes at regular times and also providing extraordinary coverage as necessary.

NRK P2 provides in-depth programmes in NRKís radio universe. It aims to challenge curious listeners and provide them with an insight into cultural and social matters.

The music on P2 is primarily motivated by its journalists and genres like classical, jazz and folk music feature heavily. This channel has set itself a goal designed to strengthen its position among 30-50 year-olds and it has made changes in its broadcasting schedule. One of these changes involves a new appear

NRK P3 is a radio station for young people, focusing on new music, comedy and entertainment. Its target group is young people in Norway between the ages of 15 and 30. P3ís main objective is to be a relevant, entertaining and important station for its target group, to provide its listeners with good music and unique experiences and to present youth reality (via Alan Roe, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** NORWAY [non]. Radio Northern Star: see SWEDEN

** OKLAHOMA. Re 12-26, my letter to KOSU. I also followed up saying that I think listeners are owed an explanation of exactly why Frosty Troy is no longer being heard on KOSU (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Thanks so much for writing and for your suggestions. I was aware of your technical prowess but had no idea you were also well versed in the area of public radio programming. As you know, programming is always a work in progress as budgets tighten, national programs come and go and the like.

Earlier this year, we returned to live hosting the local cutaways in Morning Edition. KOSU was fortunate to be included with stations in much larger markets in a national consulting program designed to improve the formatics of local station cutaways. We have implemented many of the best practices in other markets through this consulting program, and as such, Ben Allen is doing some great things for us. Most of our local breaks are built around the Morning Edition program clock that allows stations to cut away for news, public service announcements, weathers and underwriting. Most pubradio stations across the country leverage these cutaways to create a sense of place for the listener through local information, and in reality, we aren't covering that much more of ME than we were before returning to live local hosting. As you know, with technology being what it is, we must pursue local strategies that allow us to remain relevant, otherwise listeners can choose from hundreds of stations through their cell phones and the Internet.

Regarding your suggestion to push all of our local stories into a stand-alone 30-minute program, we do not have the staff capacity to pursue that at this time. Some larger stations do have a stand-alone local news magazine, and we hope to grow our financial resources to

increase staff capacity to produce such a program in the future. Until that time, we will continue to pursue our current local strategies around NPR's signature morning and afternoon drive news magazines. I know you're not a fan of the repeats of Morning Edition and All Things Considered -- but when considering that people don't always listen continuously and that they listen when it's convenient for them, and when considering how much we invest in these programs, we will continue to roll ME and ATC over for the foreseeable future.

As for Frosty, we made the decision to give both Frosty Troy and Neva Hill a much deserved respite from their weekly commentaries. It was communicated during the opening and closing of the Thursday and Friday commentaries and was a decision made to accommodate several factors. One -- our state Capitol Bureau Chief has been away for much of June. Two -- my veteran chief engineer is retiring effective today, we are breaking in his successor and there is much to learn. Three -- after 20 years, the time has come to evaluate both programs. As we go through this process, we are looking at the current Q&A format that segments Neva and Frosty on separate days to determine whether that's still viable. We may return to it in the future, or we may look at a new format that brings our commentators together to create a more engaging conversation and the opportunity for more rebuttal to the points made. We'll continue gathering feedback through the summer as we look at the next generation of local political commentary on KOSU.

Glenn, thanks for writing and sharing your thoughts. I hope you are staying cool in what could be another hot summer for all of us (Kelly Burley, KOSU Director, 303 Paul Miller, Stillwater, OK 74078 July 2, via DXLD)

Kelly, Thanks so much for your detailed reply. As for aggregating the local news reports and features, I was just guessing that they might add up to 30 minutes a weekday. If less, that`s fine. It would not require much additional effort to string them together into one program. Or maybe for an hour (or whatever it takes) once a week in review.

If you don`t want to spend airtime on that, how about stringing them together on demand on the website? You used to archive some of the local features (but never Frosty). It`s true that even I listen only when convenient, and rarely for a two-hour period straight, so it would be great to be able to bring up the local reports later when convenient on the website and know we are not missing any of them. Much like NPR where you can either listen to individual items or let them play on one after another. Regards, Glenn (via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. 15265, 1703-, Radio Pakistan, Jun 15. Good reception, although overmodulated, with English news. I could hear no other

parallel frequencies (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3915, 0846-, Radio Fly, Jun 17. Good to very good reception tonight. Once again, my mp3 recorder let me down, missing another nice opportunity for a fine recording! By 1015 or so, I finally began hearing some good DU MW reception, so my focus switched to MW (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.95, 0809-, Wantok Radio Light, Jun 17. Fair level with ID and frequencies at 0810. An otherwise dismal MW evening thus far. By 0850 reception had improved to good to very good levels. NBC news at 0900 to 0912, followed by an announcement thanking the NBC with allowing transmission of the news. A pidgin ad followed mentioning Wantok Radio Light, then local music and mentions of an election. Unfortunately my mp3 recorder failed to record anything, so missed a fine opportunity for a nice mp3 recording! (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, 0750-0930, June 29. In English and Tok Pisin. Decent reception. Highlights:

0750-0803: Christian songs.

0803: ìWantok Radio Light would like to express . .î; schedule.

0809-0831: Christian songs.

0831-0856: Preaching about finances by Dr. Tayo Adeyemi.

0901-0913: NBC National News in English (Cook Islands election results with Selina Napa winning with 297 votes, 14 more than Kiki Matenga, also an Independent, Teava Iro, with 104 votes, etc.).

0913: ìWantok Radio Light management thanks the National Broadcasting Corporation for allowing us to relay the daily bulletin. Join us at 7 AM for the next N-B-C National Newsî.

0913-0915: Sound of conch shell horn; series announcements in Tok Pisin about the PNG elections.

0915: Program ìShare a Bible Verseî, with people requesting a verse be read.

*0930: R. France International via Tainan, Taiwan, which just happens to be a sister city to Monterey, Calif.; blocking WRL.

https://www.box.com/s/0456715487195db394be
contains an edited MP3 audio file (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Shortwave Station to Be Installed in Peru | 2012-06-28 | Latin American --- Pray for the timely installation of a low-power (1,000-watt) shortwave transmitter with a radio partner in Chazuta, Peru. Pray for completion of importation paperwork needed so the project can move ahead. The transmitter was built at the HCJB Global Technology Center (HCJB Prayer World via DXLD)

Oops, missed it! We were supposed to pray for this last week, as in http://www.hcjb.org/docs/Stories/PrayerWorld/PW-2012-06.pdf

I ran across this as I was searching for info about HCJB replacing the Chile relay site. One could profitably search on ``shortwave`` each month at http://www.hcjb.org/PrayerWorld

Name? WTFK? I proceed to check my handy stack of eleven atlases, and not a one of them, even the largest, has Chazuta in the index. I`ve never heard of it either, but one day this insignificant town will become world-famous as a shortwave site!

I am forced to seek it online. Population 8,029 in 2004y. It`s in north-central Per˙, 24 miles west of much larger Tarapoto, San MartÌn, and 45 miles north of Yurimaguas, Loreto, two known former SW cities. HCJB is really into FM, so surprising they would make a shortwave station here; why? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Don Glenn, Acerca de la emisora peruana que estarÌan instalando con la ayuda de HCJB, tengo estos datos
http://www.datosperu.org/tb-normas-legales-oficiales-2011-Septiembre-24-09-2011-pagina-22.php
(creo que usted habÌa descubierto esto ya)

La persona que sirviÛ de contacto entre la Iglesia y HCJB, es el seÒor Ray Raising quien estuvo buscando la forma de instalar un emisora en onda corta desde Colombia para cubrir la regiÛn amazÛnica pero lamentablemente la burocracia colombiana dio al traste con el proyecto.

Seg˙n un reciente correo, Èl me informa que estar· viajando con 3 ingenieros de la HCJB en los prÛximos dias y debe estar lista al aire antes del 8 agosto. EstarÈ pendiente de informarle seg˙n reciba mas datos (Rafael RodrÌguez, Colombia, July 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Excellent! The important details are in the middle of the text below, i.e. 4810 kHz, OAW9A. OCT means Onda Corta Tropical (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

Texto de la p·gina 22 de Normas Legales relacionadas a empresas u organismos peruanos 450492 NORMAS LEGALES El Peruano Lima, s·bado 24 de setiembre de 2011 2002-MTC y modificado por Resoluciones Ministeriales N∫ 644-2007-MTC/01 y N∫ 846-2009-MTC/01, el Decreto Supremo N∫ 038-2003-MTC, modificado por Decreto Supremo N∫ 038-2006-MTC, el Plan de CanalizaciÛn y AsignaciÛn de Frecuencias en la banda OCT para la localidad de San MartÌn, aprobado por ResoluciÛn Viceministerial N∫ 014-2005-MTC/03 y ratificada con ResoluciÛn Viceministerial N∫ 746-2008-MTC/03, las Normas TÈcnicas del Servicio de RadiodifusiÛn, aprobadas por ResoluciÛn Ministerial N∫ 358-2003-MTC/03, y sus modificatorias; y, Con la opiniÛn favorable del Director General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones; SE RESUELVE:

ArtÌculo 1∫.- Otorgar autorizaciÛn a la asociaciÛn IGLESIA EVANGELICA CENTRAL DE CHAZUTA, por el plazo de diez (10) aÒos, para prestar el servicio de radiodifusiÛn sonora educativa en Onda Corta Tropical (OCT) en la localidad de San MartÌn, departamento de San MartÌn, de acuerdo a las condiciones esenciales y caracterÌsticas tÈcnicas que se detallan a continuaciÛn: Condiciones Esenciales: Modalidad Frecuencia Finalidad CaracterÌsticas TÈcnicas: Indicativo EmisiÛn Potencia Nominal del Transmisor ClasificaciÛn de EstaciÛn UbicaciÛn de la EstaciÛn Estudios Coordenadas Geogr·ficas Planta Transmisora Coordenadas Geogr·ficas Zona de Servicio : Jr. Loreto N∫ 300, en el distrito de Chazuta, provincia y departamento de San MartÌn. : Longitud Oeste : 76 08' 16.00'' Latitud Sur : 06 34' 19.00'' : Sector Loma Linda, en el distrito de Chazuta, provincia y departamento de San MartÌn. : Longitud Oeste : 76 08' 03.63'' Latitud Sur : 06 34' 23.90'' : El ·rea comprendida dentro del contorno de 46 dB V/m. : OAW-9A : 10K0A3EGN : 1 KW :D : RADIODIFUSI”N SONORA EN OCT : 4810 KHz : EDUCATIVA las caracterÌsticas tÈcnicas aprobadas en la presente autorizaciÛn.

- Realizar las respectivas pruebas de funcionamiento. La inspecciÛn tÈcnica correspondiente se efectuar· de oficio hasta dentro de los ocho (08) meses siguientes al vencimiento del mencionado perÌodo de instalaciÛn y prueba, verific·ndose en ella la correcta instalaciÛn y operaciÛn de la estaciÛn, con equipamiento que permita una adecuada prestaciÛn del servicio autorizado, asÌ como el cumplimiento de las

condiciones esenciales y caracterÌsticas tÈcnicas indicadas en el artÌculo 1∫ de la presente ResoluciÛn. Sin perjuicio de lo indicado, la titular podr· solicitar la realizaciÛn de la inspecciÛn tÈcnica antes del vencimiento del perÌodo de instalaciÛn y prueba otorgado. En caso de incumplimiento de las obligaciones antes mencionadas, la autorizaciÛn otorgada quedar· sin efecto. De cumplir la titular con las obligaciones precedentemente indicadas y a mÈrito del informe tÈcnico favorable, la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones proceder· a expedir la respectiva Licencia de OperaciÛn.

ArtÌculo 4∫.- La titular, dentro de los doce (12) meses de entrada en vigencia la autorizaciÛn otorgada, en forma individual o conjunta, aprobar· su CÛdigo de …tica y presentar· copia del mismo a la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones, o podr· acogerse al CÛdigo de …tica aprobado por el Ministerio de Transportes y Comunicaciones.

ArtÌculo 5∫.- Dentro de los tres (03) meses de entrada en vigencia de la presente autorizaciÛn, la titular deber· presentar el Estudio TeÛrico de Radiaciones No Ionizantes de la estaciÛn a instalar, el cual ser· elaborado por persona inscrita en el Registro de Personas Habilitadas para elaborar los citados Estudios, de acuerdo con las normas emitidas para tal efecto. Corresponde a la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones aprobar el referido Estudio TeÛrico.

ArtÌculo 6∫.- La titular est· obligada a instalar y operar el servicio de radiodifusiÛn autorizado, de acuerdo a las condiciones esenciales y caracterÌsticas tÈcnicas indicadas en el artÌculo 1∫ de la presente ResoluciÛn, las cuales sÛlo podr·n ser modificadas previa autorizaciÛn de este Ministerio. En caso de aumento de potencia, Èste podr· autorizarse hasta el m·ximo establecido en el Plan de CanalizaciÛn y AsignaciÛn de Frecuencias de la banda y localidad autorizadas. En caso de disminuciÛn de potencia y/o modificaciÛn de ubicaciÛn de estudios, no obstante no requerirse de aprobaciÛn previa, la titular se encuentra obligado a comunicarlo a la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones.

ArtÌculo 7∫.- Conforme a lo establecido en el artÌculo 5∫ del Decreto Supremo N∫ 038-2003-MTC, modificado por el Decreto Supremo N∫ 038-2006-MTC, la titular adoptar· las medidas necesarias para garantizar que las radiaciones que emita la estaciÛn de radiodifusiÛn que se autoriza no excedan los valores establecidos como lÌmites m·ximos permisibles en el acotado Decreto Supremo, asimismo deber· efectuar, en forma anual, el monitoreo de la referida estaciÛn. La obligaciÛn de monitoreo anual ser· exigible a partir del dÌa siguiente del vencimiento del perÌodo de instalaciÛn y prueba o de la solicitud de

inspecciÛn tÈcnica presentada conforme lo indicado en el tercer p·rrafo del artÌculo 3∫ de la presente ResoluciÛn.

ArtÌculo 8∫.- Ser·n derechos y obligaciones de la titular de la autorizaciÛn otorgada, los consignados en los artÌculos 64∫ y 65∫ del Reglamento de la Ley de Radio y TelevisiÛn, asÌ como los seÒalados en la presente ResoluciÛn.

ArtÌculo 9∫.- La Licencia de OperaciÛn ser· expedida por la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones, conforme lo dispuesto en el ˙ltimo p·rrafo del artÌculo 3∫ de la presente ResoluciÛn y previa aprobaciÛn del Estudio TeÛrico de Radiaciones No Ionizantes.

ArtÌculo 10∫.- La autorizaciÛn a que se contrae el artÌculo 1∫ de la presente ResoluciÛn podr· renovarse por igual perÌodo. La autorizaciÛn otorgada incluye el permiso para instalar los equipos de radiodifusiÛn correspondientes. De acuerdo con lo establecido en el artÌculo 52∫ del Reglamento de la Ley de Radio y TelevisiÛn, para el caso de los enlaces auxiliares se requiere de autorizaciÛn previa otorgada por la DirecciÛn General de Autorizaciones en Telecomunicaciones. El plazo de la autorizaciÛn y permiso concedidos se computar· a partir de la fecha de notificaciÛn de la presente ResoluciÛn, la cual, adem·s, ser· publicada en el Diario Oficial El Peruano.

[sic, goes from Article 10 to Article 2, with no paragraph breaks in original --- gh]

ArtÌculo 2∫.- La estaciÛn no deber· obstaculizar la correcta operaciÛn aÈrea en la localidad, ni originar interferencia a los sistemas de radionavegaciÛn, para lo cual la titular deber· adoptar las medidas correctivas pertinentes, como son, el no ocasionar interferencias o reubicar la respectiva estaciÛn, entre otras. Asimismo, si, con posterioridad al otorgamiento de la presente autorizaciÛn, la estaciÛn radiodifusora se encontrara dentro de las otras zonas de restricciÛn establecidas en el artÌculo 84∫ del Reglamento de la Ley de Radio y TelevisiÛn, la titular deber· obtener los permisos correspondientes y adoptar las medidas correctivas que correspondan.

ArtÌculo 3∫.- La autorizaciÛn que se otorga se inicia con un perÌodo de instalaciÛn y prueba de doce (12) meses improrrogables, dentro del cual, la titular de la autorizaciÛn, deber· cumplir con las obligaciones que a continuaciÛn se indican: - Instalar los equipos requeridos para la prestaciÛn del servicio conforme a las condiciones esenciales y a [page cut off at the point, reloading goes no further]

Encuentra m·s datos en: http://wwww.datosperu.org
(via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

I was hunting thru the HCJB websites for any information about their temporary tests via Guiana French instead of Germany instead of Chile, to no avail, but came upon something far more interesting. A prayer request for June 28 --- just missed it --- mentioned that a new 1 kW shortwave transmitter made by HCJB in Indiana is to be installed in Chazuta, Per˙.

Rafael RodrÌguez in Colombia noted my mention of this; he already knows about it as he`s in contact with Ray Raising of HCJB who was about to depart for Per˙ along with three engineers to prepare for it to go on the air by August 8.

He also has the details from an official document about licensing the station which will be OAW-9A, on 4810 kHz, from the Iglesia EvangÈlica Central de Chazuta. We don`t yet know what it will be named. Chazuta is a small town near the much larger city of Tarapoto in north central Per˙. Rafael says HCJB originally wanted to set up a SW station in Colombia to serve the Amazon region, but permission could not be obtained. More details of the license grant in forthcoming DX Listening Digest 12-27 which will be at
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1227.txt
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU [and non]. 4774.95, R. Tarma. This turned out to be Tarma. 0058 end of Romantic song by W vocalist, then long canned announcement by M with mention of Lima and Tarma. Another canned announcement, and then rustic instrumental music with nice canned full echo ID by M at 0101. Best heard in a while. Now, is the ZY Congohas the one on 4775 even that goes off at 0100?? Tarma back on with opening ID at 1000 next morning. (27 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

** PERU. 5921.271, R. Bethel. Could just make out instrumental music (probably religious) at 0112. In the clear this evening without WHRI QRM. Last time heard this, WHRI was off on a different day of the weak. (25 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD) 25/6 = UT Mon

** PERU. Radio Tawantinsuyo --- en el aire en 6173.90 kHz en LSB y Narrow para eliminar interferencia de Voz de Vietnam (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 0145 UTC July 1, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 15190.0, June 30 at 1910, yet another attempt to hear R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea, which seems to have gone silent again, only a weak signal with YL speaking neither American nor Brazilian, but sounds like Tagalog, so I assume it is the third possibility at this frequency-hour, V of the Philippines (until 1930) (Glenn Hauser,

OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15190 03/Jul 1838 Philippines, R Pilipinas in English. Full ID. Surprise, when I hear a Brazilian music, then the R·dio InconfidÍncia in the air, but the best signal is approximately in 15192. Good signal, with QRM from R Philippines (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[not OGUKUOOUBES as originally typed with all but letters ES one key off on the right hand; how thankful I am white-out and correxion tape are no longer necessary --- gh]

** PORTUGAL. [Re 12-26]: Sender Sines in Portugal wird verwertet. Eine Nachricht, die mich ein bisschen traurig macht:
<http://www.dw.de/dw/article/0,,16038634,00.html>

Offenes Verfahren (Verwertung der Kurzwellen-Sendestation Sines).

Durchfuehrung einer Ausschreibung nach EG VOL/A in 2012 fuer die Verwertung der Kurzwellen-Sendestation Sines in Portugal.

Art der Leistungen:
Verwertung der Kurzwellen-Sendestation Sines (Portugal) ggf. mit Verschrottung von Einzelteilen innerhalb von acht Monaten ab Auftragserteilung.

Der Bieter soll vor Angebotsabgabe eine Ortsbesichtigung vornehmen. Leistungsfaehige Unternehmen, die an der Ausschreibung teilnehmen wollen, werden gebeten, das Leistungsverzeichnis bis zum 20. Juli 2012 bei der Vergabestelle (Kontaktadresse siehe Nr. 2 im unten stehenden pdf) abzufordern. Abgabetermin fuer die Angebote ist der 01. August 2012. Weitere Informationen und Bedingungen entnehmen Sie bitte den anzufordernden Unterlagen und dem Supplement zum Amtsblatt der Europaeischen Gemeinschaft. Die Veroeffentlichung erfolgte am 18. Juni 2012.
<http://www.dw.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,13875834,00.pdf>
(via Douglas Kaehler, Germany, A-DX June 22 via BC-DX June 29 via DXLD)

DW Sines. According to a local source I contacted, the dismantling process is scheduled to start within the next two and a half months' time. And probably I shall be able to watch a bit of it as I drive south along the coast once or twice a month heading to our SW coast place. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 17605, June 29 at 1300, YFR in Burmese is still via KCH, Dan Elyea at Okeechobee confirms, despite HFCC registration as

originally planned site Tashkent, Uzbekistan; he says there are no other substitutions currently (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 17760, 0537-, Radio Romania International, Jun 16. Very good reception in English with news to 0538, then into a commentary about local elections in Romania. This transmission is beamed to Australia. The DRM broadcast on 11875 is visible, but too weak to catch even the title. Parallel 9700 is very poor, as is 21500 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. QSL: RADIO SANTEC via IRRS Tiganesti 15190 kHz (11.3.2012), Cartolina QSL e lettera in 14 giorni. No RP. QTH: P. O. Box 5643 - DE-97006 W¸rzburg (Germania). V/s: Johanna Limley. Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Re 12-26: UNID in Moscow on 1584 --- Possible solution to the Russian all-music stations reported in WoR 1623

Hello, Just heard World of Radio 1623 and there may be an answer to these weird stations: broadcast signal intrusion. BSI is where a pirate overrides the control signal of a wired radio network or TV transmitter. Why I think this is a solution is that in the 1970s and 1980s teenagers used to do this in the Soviet Union, hijacking state shortwave transmitters and playing Western rock and pop records during the dead periods late at night. How they did it I don't know (small transmitter, phone patches, inside jobs?) but all throughout the last twenty years of the USSR's existence "radio hooliganism" (what the authorities called it) was rampant and under-reported, probably to keep even more people from knowing about it and attempting BSI themselves. I don't know enough about Russian radio, but if it's like American radio then possibly the same wired networks are in operation within the Russian Federation doing the job they did in the Brezhnev years, and maybe this is an attempt by Russian pirates to run their own network or some sort of "Red Mafiya" scheme of some sort.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadcast_signal_intrusion#The_era_of_Soviet_pirate_broadcasting

Similar claims are made in The Russians, a 1975 sociological book by Hedrick Smith on Soviet life. I think it's mentioned in the chapter on Soviet teenagers, but only vaguely.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqgeM6rWSkw
The infamous "Max Headroom" TV BSI from Chicago in the 1980s.

Sincerely, (Jake Christie, KJ6YBY, 0230 UT June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting theory, but this is not wired, and as I understand it

there is no (listed) 1584 transmitter already in Moscow. Seems to me it must be a pirate, or maybe a legal station in start-up testing phase. Chris ought to have fun DFing and locating it (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Re: BCing music Pirate 1584 kHz in Moscow --- Nothing heard on 1584 kHz in Moscow local area, when checked daytime coverage on remote Perseus unit at Moscow Russia at 0620 UT June 30. Local stations heard:

LW 171 198 252 261 279 kHz.
MW 549 565NDB 612 700NDB 738 810English program 846 873 949NDB 954 1044 1080NDB 1134 kHz.
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, 0631 UT June 30, ibid.)

It should be pointed out that the referenced Wikipedia article quotes the hijacking claims in regard to the wired radio networks (what was known in the USSR as Tochka) only. No mention of *transmitters* there. And chances are that a hijacking of shortwave transmitters would not have been went by unnoticed abroad, in particular if these instances were as frequent as claimed.

And indeed the discussion digresses here, since first a transmitter has to be brought on air on 1584 kHz at all. No discussion of it in Russian mailing lists / forums? Can't imagine that Russian DXers do not note it.

I would suggest as next step to go out to Kurkino, to see if the signal is transmit from the RTRS mediumwave facilities there, in which case it would be ordinary testing for whatever purpose.
Kai

Many thanks to the various DXLDers who have responded on this. Unfortunately, I was only in Moscow for a week and don't have much more substantial to report about this mystery.

To summarize, I heard 1584 with continuous music at various times during the local evenings of 24, 25 and 26 June (times not necessarily consistent from day to day). I didn't hear it when checking during the evenings of 27 or 28 June, or when checking occasionally during the day (especially the early mornings) during the week of 25-29 June. I was mostly listening about 3 km southeast of Red Square.

Regrettably, I didn't think to take a bearing on 1584. Some form of pirate activity now seems the most likely explanation, but didn't occur to me at the time. I assumed it was from one of the known MW sites around Moscow.

But on reflection, it would be very strange for an official Russian station to test in this way. The pirate may have reasoned that testing in the evening would be less likely to attract official notice. It is even possible that news of my postings may have got back to the pirate operators and they may have worried that the authorities were on to them, so they stopped testing after 26 June.

I'll write up some brief notes on what else is on mediumwave in Moscow.

As on a previous visit, I made sure to walk to the well-known address of 25 Pyatnitskaya Street. There is a sign saying Golos Rossii on the front door but nothing else visible from the outside to show that it is a radio. By chance, when I was there (late on a lovely Moscow evening), a busker in the busy open area between the radio building and the distinctive Novokuznetskaya metro station was playing Moscow Nights! (Chris Greenway, UK, ibid.)

Individual radio stations

The licence is issued for 6 months to 25 stations in the country, up to 100 Watt

Authorization number: 632-12-0001
Start date of expiry: 01.07.2012
Date of expiry: 31.12.2012
The name of the user: OOO "Radio technologies"
Type of solution: the Assignment of Radio service broadcasting:
Territory: the Altai territory; Vladimirskaya oblast; Tyumen oblast; Leningrad region; Sverdlovsk region, the Bryansk region; Samara region; Moscow region; Vologda region, the Voronezh region; Lipetsk oblast; Moscow; Saint-Petersburg; further broken (full list below)
http://rsoc.ru/communication/register/radio/radio/?order=632&year=2012#tbl

a complete list of stations, with addresses and coordinates
http://www.cqf.su/stuff/Chastoty-1.gif
http://www.cqf.su/stuff/Chastoty-2.gif
http://www.cqf.su/stuff/Chastoty-3.gif

Bryansk, 53N1513 34E2225, 1584, 25 W
Akutikha, Altai territory, 52N2535 84E3455, 1584, 100 W
Kovrov, Vladimir region, 56N2010 41E1917, 1584, 100 W
Serov, Sverdlovsk region, 59N3625 60E3530, 1584, 100 W
Lipetsk, 52N3702 39E3314, 1584, 100 W
Biysk, Altaisky Krai, 52N3100 85E0930, 1584, 25 W
Moscow, 55N5942 37E3446, 1584, 100 W **********
Moscow, 55N4514 37E3835, 1584, 100 W
Moscow, 55N4306 37E3739, 1584, 100 W

Moscow, 55N4517 37E4245, 1584, 100 W
Moscow, 55N4413 37E3705, 1584, 4 x 20 W
Voronezh, 51N4018 38E1238, 1584, 100 W
Tyumen, 57N0735 65E3104, 1575, 100 W
Tyumen, 57N0933 63E2901, 1575, 100 W
Ekaterinburg, 56N5005 60E3223, 1584, 100 W
Dubrovsky, Moscow region, 55N3357 37E3738, 1584, 100 W
Ryzhikovo, Moscow region, 55N0221 37E2625, 1584, 100 W
Vanjkovo, Moscow region, 56N1605 37E4207, 1584, 100 W
Antsiferovskaya, Vologda region, 60N3639 40E3449, 1584, 100 W
Pestrovka, Samara region, 52N2335 49E5700, 1584, 100 W
Chernogorsk, Khakassia, 53N4851 91E1302, 1584, 100 W
Chernogorsk, Khakassia, 53N4832 91E1820, 1584, 100 W
Talovaya, Voronezh region, 51N0710 40E4308, 1584, 100 W
Saint-Petersburg, 59N5410 30E2929, 1593, 100 W
Kuznechnoe, Leningrad region, 61N0737 29E5236, 1593, 100 W

Modulation AM with the modulating frequency 50 - 8000 Hz (type of radiation 16K0A3EGN).

1584 kHz - throughout the country, in addition to the Leningrad and Tyumen regions.
1593 kHz - for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region.
1575 kHz for Tyumen and the Tyumen region.

The specific address of the location of the transmitters and the parameters of the antennas listed in the text of the resolution.
http://www.cqf.su
http://www.radioscanner.ru/forum/topic45298.html

GRChTs we calculated the frequency for the professional radio communication between stations of the Individual broadcasting, which can also be used as a channel feed talk radio programs in carrying out facilities will, that is, when one Individual station broadcasting on channel feed program communicates with the other station of the Individual and radio broadcasting such a conversation (with the participation of the guests of the Studio and leading) is shown in the broadcast aired both stations. As a radio frequency to a channel of the program should be hidden from the the audience and at the same time should provide for the conditions of radio wave propagation a large range of communications at low power (to radio bridges you can do between different cities), I asked GRChTs to develop a frequency in the tested and long known free broadcasters range.

Us for these purposes is allocated frequency 3370 kHz when the transmitter power to 50 watts (in some regions - less) and when modulation AM with band width modulation frequency 100 - 3400 Hz and, respectively with a bandwidth of a signal from the air 6800 Hz.

http://tubes.radiostation.ru/arb/index.php?fm=43&act=msg&topic=7025 (Victor Rutkovskiy, Ekaterinburg, Russia / ìopen_dxî via RusDX July 1 via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

So what is this really about? Surely the music-only tests on 1584 Chris Greenway was hearing in a Moscow visit. Note the SW 3370! (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Glenn. Seems I struck lucky hearing them in the week before their licence was due to start! (Chris Greenway, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. 9665, July 2 at 0213, VOR English via PRIDNESTROVYE has CCI from rippling SAH, presumably Voz Mission·ria, 10 kW Brazilian achieving almost on-frequency too. Don`t you believe the Aoki listings that RN Amazonia is ever on 9665; Pyongyang 50 kW also 22 hours a day, but unlikely at this daypart (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Russian language broadcasts: TWR ------- "25.06.2012. Stopped broadcasting programs of "news of the Christian radio broadcastingî on the frequencies of the Russian and Ukrainian services TWR. In total under different names it was aired more than 20 years." http://www.dxcourier.ru/ (Aleksandr Diadischev,Ukraine / ìdeneb-radio-dxî via RusDX July 1 via DXLD)

** RWANDA. 17820, 0622-, DW, Jun 15. Good reception in English with African themed programming. Parallel 13780 is fair, but 9470 was not heard (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. via PALAU. 15420, Radio Free Sarawak, 1059-1200*, June 29, ID at 1100. Vernacular talk. Some instrumental music bridges. Many mentions of Sarawak. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SAUDI ARABIA. ?? Call of Islam / Holy Koran ?? 1512 kHz, Jeddah ?? June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1849-1855. Arabic chanting by OM. Euro-African MW Guide suggests Saudi Arabia, Holy Koran. Never logged this one before in Jo'burg. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17730 // 17740, June 29 at 0602 something in Arabic with same music beds; fair solstitial nightmiddle signals, but the latter has some CCI. Aoki shows BSKSA R. Riyadh starting both at 0600 with General first program, 500 kW, 295 degrees on 17730; 250 kW, 310 degrees USward on 17740 plus, what else? CRI Xian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9715, BSKSA, Riyadh. HS in Arabic, program Koran Kerim (Holy Quran) for many radio seasons and again noted on 22/6, s/on 0300 and close/down at 0754 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

17895, BSKSA, Riyadh. HS in Arabic with a common sermon on frequencies of General Program and Holy Qur`an programs at 1230 on 27/5, but from 1235 two different programs were observed: HQ in Arabic on 17895 // FM 89.6 and GP on 21505 // FM 88.6.

It was during a big FM day when were heard several FMs from Armenia, Jordan, Israel, S Arabia, Egypt, etc. with telescopic antenna only on height 330 meters over sea level. The distance between Sofia and Riyadh is around 3000 km (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Some nice long-haul FM DX there, Rumen! (Craig Seager, ed., ibid.) Elevation has little to do with sporadic-E DX (gh, DXLD)

17785 BSKSA, Riyadh. English, relay of domestic FM service 0750, not there prior to this, TS 0800 & into French, 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

The ``accidental English`` broadcast as they warm up for French (gh)

15170, July 5 at 0516 tune in to dead air but it`s merely a pregnant pause amid Qur`an recitation. This 03-06 broadcast at 355 degrees from Riyadh is usually mixed with China after 0400, but not tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. One final note, SIBC on 5020 was absent tonight (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC, June 17; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 567 Cape Talk, Cape Town // 92.7 (702 Talk Radio) in Joburg. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1914-1918. "Talk at Nine" phone in. Very poor, stomped upon by adjacent Radio Veritas on 576. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Chinese Radio, 1269 Midrand (Jo'burg). June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1830-1835. Mandarin, OM's talking. ID at 1833 "Chinese Radio" followed by not-very-Chinesey music. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Pan Hellenic Voice, 1422 Bedfordview (Jo'burg). June 28, 2012.

Thursday. 1842-1843. Greek songs for the local Greek community. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Islam, 1548 Lenasia (Johannesburg). June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1855-1859. Arabic, with Koran recitation. Fair-poor. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Pulpit, 657 Meyerton. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1710-1712. Pastor Ray doing his thing. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Today, 1485 Marks Park, Johannesburg. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1847-1849. 1960's rock music; our local old-time music station. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Radio Veritas, 576 Meyerton. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1658-1701. Discussing a religious community, the "Society of Mary". ID's at 1700, "You are listening to Vatican Radio" and "Radio Veritas". Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

Umhlobo Wenene (SABC). 846 Komga. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1719-1720. IsiZulu, but unreadable. Very poor as usual. Also buzzy QRN. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Welgedacht, 1287, Welgedacht. July 2, 2012. Monday. 1828-1835. Not heard on June 28, and not a common catch in Jo'burg. On air now with OM's talking in an African dialect, too poor to make it out. Also afro music. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1528 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Web radio numbers in question --- Hi Glenn, For info. No doubt the same techniques are used by service providers everywhere? Regards, (Bill Bingham, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

CONTROVERSY HAS ERUPTED OVER HOW MANY LISTENERS LOCAL ONLINE RADIO STATIONS REALLY ENJOY. By Faranaaz Parker.

A David and Goliath-style statistics battle has broken out online, calling into question everything we thought we knew about streaming radio in SA. A technical specialist with a part-time blog has blown the lid off what appears to be the gross inflation of listenership numbers for SA streaming radio stations.

Following a piece published by IT specialist Shaun Dewberry on Tuesday, Internet streaming service provider NetDynamix has admitted the numbers it provides to its clients ó including the countryís top two online radio stations 2oceansvibe and Ballz Visual Media ó might not be an accurate representation of its listenership.

The revelation came in the form of a press release, which explains that the company provides numbers to its clients based on ìsessionsî. A session refers to a connection to a server in order to receive an audio or video stream. It does not take into account whether the same user may be initiating multiple sessions, which may happen if, for example, a user was disconnected from the Internet and had to reconnect, or switched from one device to another. But reports provided to clients, such as 2oceansvibe, clearly label the numbers as ìtotal listenersî . . .
http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/co/UqJF/~3/mEoAJ2FhTOw/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email
(via Bingham, DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 9800, June 28 at 0525, BaBcoCk IS already, preceding the DW Portuguese via Meyerton from 0530, 100 kW at 335 degrees which started 1 June (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. ARMENIA: 9400, Overcomer Ministry; 2146-2200*, 27-June; Ol' gravel-voice B.S. on a roll! You have to wonder what folks in that area think of B.S. Overcomer web/e-mail spot at 2154+ & back to huxterage. Last Day Prophet of God bit at 2159 & off abruptly in mid-Walterboro. Poor but improving toward end; best in LSB. Not detectable on 7590 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brother Stair on 9400 kHz --- From what station speaks this guy?
http://youtu.be/XpQ_NbpgIqs
WWCR? WTWW? Another? Catched at 2104 UT. 73 from Montevideo. (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

Info by Aoki:
9400 The Overcomer Ministry 1900-2200 1234567 English 100 305 Yerevan-Gavar ARM
http://www.overcomerministry.org/
73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana BA - Brasil, ibid.)

However, Ivo Ivanov thinx the site has changed away from Armenia to somewhere else on the same frequencies (gh, DXLD)

** SPAIN. Radio Exterior on WRN, Why Not? Sir, I have been a fan of your work for years. Lately, I have been sending emails to both WRN and Radio Exterior de EspaÒa in English. I have wanted WRN to carry Radio Exterior so that I can listen on my Sirius XM radio here in the USA. It seems like a perfect fit and yet nothing for years. Also, I have never received a response from either group. Do you have any contacts at WRN? Could you look into this issue? Thanks for all your

work. Pax (Marty Browne, Queens NYC, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I forwarded your idea to a contact at WRN. They certainly have open hours to fill now, but perhaps REE just isn`t interested (gh, DXLD)

** SPAIN. 9650, UT Tue July 3 at 0415-0445, listened with half an ear to the weekly EmisiÛn Sefarad from REE direct; the YL host speaks Judeo-EspaÒol, but I think her interviewees are free to respond in plain old Castilian, like the OM heard around 0430 when an automatic timesignal also played. I noticed that the carrier stayed on past 0450+ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 15745, SLBC Colombo. Tune/in 0140 with Johnny Cash song but intermittent transmission like power cutting off carrier etc., last thru 0200 same way off again and on again every couple of minutes. 24/6 (John Wright, Peakhurst NSW (ICOM R8500 EWE antennae Tony Magon pre amp), July Australian DX News via DXLD).

** SRI LANKA. QSL: AWR Trincomalee 11740 kHz (17.4.2012), Cartolina QSL, calendarietto, regolamento Annual DX Contest 2012 e opuscolo religioso in 40 giorni. RP: 1$. Rapporto con CD MP3 inviato ad: AWR Asia-Pacific, Ruko Palm Spring, Blok A4 # 6-8, Batam Center, 29461 Batam (Indonesia). Conferma ricevuta da:

Adventist World Radio, International Relations, Box 29235, Indianapolis IN 46229 (USA). V/s: Adrian Peterson - DX Editor (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

11740, 1638-, AWR, Jun 15. Very good reception with English program. Initially a health segment, followed by a religious segment starting with playing in the snow! Keep listening to AWR every day at 1641. With AWR address in India. Then a hymn, 'He came to me'. Bible reading to 1657. AWR address POB #17, in Maharaja [sic], India. Also an email address. 'Good health, and a happy home'. I'll look forward to the Wavescan program on Sunday. Off at 1659:50. Carrier off at exactly 1700 (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My monitoring observations show that broadcasts of AWR via Trincomallee, Sri Lanka did not end on 30 June 2012 as announced. -- Thanking you, Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

AWR via SLBC Trincomalee --- Da die Antennenarbeiten in Guam noch nicht abgeschlossen sind sendet AWR auch weiterhin ¸ber die SLBC Sendeanlagen in Trincomalee - Perkara, Sri Lanka.

Eigentlich sollte ab 1. Juli Guam wieder voll im Einsatz sein. Hier der aktuelle Sendeplan aus Sri Lanka vom 2. Juli, Dank an Salahuddin Dolar f¸r den Sendeplan (Christoph Ratzer, July 3, A-DX via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

FYI google translator:

Since the antenna works in Guam are not yet completed AWR broadcasts will continue on the transmission facilities in Trincomalee - Perkara, Sri Lanka. Actually, should from 1 Guam in July again be fully deployed. Here's the current schedule of Sri Lanka on 2 July, thanks to Salahuddin Dolar for the broadcast schedule.

SEA Site Start Stop Language Service Area kHz m kW Days

A12 TRM 1100 1130 Indonesian W-Indonesia 15540 19 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1130 1200 Javanese Indonesia, Malaysia 15540 19 125 246
A12 TRM 1130 1200 Sundanese Indonesia, Malaysia 15540 19 125 1357
A12 TRM 1200 1300 Mandarin S-China 15490 19 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1300 1330 Khmer Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos 17635 16 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1300 1330 Mandarin W-China 15320 19 250 23456
A12 TRM 1300 1330 Uighur W-China 15320 19 250 17
A12 TRM 1330 1400 Thai Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos 17635 16 125 2346
A12 TRM 1330 1500 Mandarin W-China 15320 19 250 1234567
A12 TRM 1330 1400 Lao Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos 17635 16 125 57
A12 TRM 1330 1400 Khmer Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos 17635 16 125 1
A12 TRM 1400 1500 Mandarin C/N-China 12105 25 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1500 1530 Panjabi N-India 15255 19 250 1234567
A12 TRM 1500 1530 Nepali Nepal 15595 19 250 1234567
A12 TRM 1500 1530 Karen Myanmar, Thailand, China 15715 19 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1530 1600 Hindi N-India 15290 19 250 1234567
A12 TRM 1530 1600 Tibetan Nepal, Tibet 15255 19 250 56
A12 TRM 1530 1600 English Nepal, Tibet 15255 19 250 12347
A12 TRM 1530 1600 Marathi C-India 7410 41 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1600 1630 Urdu N-India 11835 25 125 1234567
A12 TRM 1630 1700 English N-India 11740 25 125 1234567
A12 TRM 2100 2200 Mandarin C/N-China 11750 25 125 123456
A12 TRM 2100 2200 Cantonese C/N-China 11750 25 125 7
A12 TRM 2200 2230 Javanese W-Indonesia 9545 31 125 135
A12 TRM 2200 2230 Sundanese W-Indonesia 9545 31 125 2467

73 Christoph Ratzer OE2CRM
http://remotedx.wordpress.com
(A-DX July 3 via Wolfgang B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 17735, July 5 at 1220, brief English clips voiced over in mixture of Slavic and Central Asian language, fitting for scheduled Kyrghiz from R. Liberty, 250 kW, 344 degrees via Iranawila (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, R. Omdurman, 0231 M in Koran under 2 strong hams, KB3NSK (90 mi. NE of Pittsburgh) and N4GLT (NC), on exactly same frequency. Looked and sounded like there was some sort of contest going on as the 41mb was completely full of signals. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. GREAT BRITAIN: 17745 Sudan Radio Service; 1519-1532+, 28-June; Peppy Afro music; 1529+ M&W alternating -- news? Aoki lists it as Arabic(Juba). Sounds Arabish, but definitely something different about the sound. English ID at 1531 into Arabic commentary. SIO=252+, fady (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH (maybe non). 15725, presumed Voice of South Sudan Revolutionary radio, 0755-0802* on June 28: OM in local language, off after one minute of dead air. No ID, Jingle, Music...; 0755-0810+ on June [no date]: probably same OM until 0804, then some traditional songs/chanting by men. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://www.africalist.de.ms June 30, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15725, July 2 at 0512, assertive Arabic speech on and on, fair signal with deep fades, so presumed V. of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio, from [north] Sudan. He`s still going but weaker at 0527; fading to very poor by 0532, so I switch to 15400 for R. Dabanga music from Madagascar, which is still very good. Checking other African signals on 19m: 15580 VOA Botswana poor; 15120 Nigeria missing; 15190 Equatorial Guinea absent.

15725, July 3 at 0540, V. of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio is holding up longer and better than 24 hours earlier; again a guy yelling a speech, with some crowd responses; this sounds like a tonal African language rather than Arabish. He speaks a few syllables at a time, with frequent pauses; still going at 0548 with poor signal. And still audible even weaker at 0602.

15725, July 5 at 0512, poor signal with speech, not sure if Arabish or something else this time, but still presumed Voice of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio. They used to have some English segments, but never hear any in this hour, which I have been getting every night lately (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15725, Voice of South Sudan Revolutionary Radio, 0515-0530, July 5, speech by man in listed Arabic. Many mentions of Sudan. Poor to fair

(Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 15400, R. Tamazuj via Madagascar. Good level of speakers in assumed Somali, // 11650 similar. Switch to R. Damal on each frequency without break at 0430. 0425, 14/6 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony 2001D with 7m. vertical antenna), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

?? You are confusing Somalia with Sudan. R. Tamazuj followed by R. Dabanga, not Damal, are both in Sudanese/Arabic, not Somali. 11650 is via VATICAN (gh, DXLD)

CLANDESTINE, 15400, R. Tamazuj (via Madagascar) Carrier already on at 0354. 0401 program start with music and voice-over opening announcement by W with ID, then M with clear canned ID. 0402 another ID announcement by W with mention of Sudan, fanfare, and then apparent news. Another mention of R. Tamazuj during talk by M at 0405. Good strong steady clear signal. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hey there, hearing really weird noise on 15400 at 0355 UT on July 5th 2012, either transmitter problem or some kind of jamming (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here I have a big noise between 15405-15420 kHz. No idea about this. Seems to be a jamming (0404 UT). 73 de (CX2ABP in Montevideo, ibid.)

I have found the culprit to the noise I had before on 15400 kHz. It all stopped at 0400 UT and an Arabic transmission to something called Radio Tamazu, or sounds like that, started, from Madagascar relay site apparently. I will have videos on youtube posted for the noise and Radio Tamazui with at least 3 or 4 ID's from announcer in something that sounds like Arabic (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, http://www.youtube.com/tecmtl ibid.)

See AOKI list. Sudanese Government jamming !

Radio Tamazuj at 0400-0429 UT in Sudanese Arabic from MDG. Sponsored by Dutch Free Press Unlimited / close ties to RNW organization. Followed by Radio Dabanga 0429-0557 UT. see below

FRANCE/MADAGASCAR/UAE Radio Tamazuj QSL. Radio Tamazuj (0400-0427 UT 13800UAE 11940MDG 7315ISS kHz in B11 schedule) sent me a printed QSL card from Free Press Unlimited for my reception report to their test transmission in January, with an IRC after 51 days.

Address: c/o Free Press Unlimited, Witte Kruislaan 55, 1217 AM Hilversum, The Netherlands - Postbank 7676
E-mail: <radiotamazuj @ yahoo.com>
Telephone: +31 356254340 (Holland office)
+211 991890198 (South Sudan office)
URL: <http://radiotamazuj.org/>
The QSL is shown in my homepage
<http://www5a.biglobe.ne.jp/~BCLSWL/QSL1203.html>
(Takahito Akabayashi-JPN, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 5, 2012)

MADAGASCAR/SRI LANKA/UAE/VATICAN STATE
Summer A-12 schedule of Radio Tamazuj in Sudanese Arabic:
0400-0429 11650 SMG 250 kW 145 deg to SDN
0400-0429 15400 MDC 250 kW 330 deg to SDN
0400-0429 15550 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to SDN

Summer A-12 schedule of Radio Dabanga in Sudanese Arabic:
0430-0600 11650 SMG 250 kW 145 deg to SDN
0430-0600 15400 MDC 250 kW 330 deg to SDN
0430-0600 15550 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to SDN
1530-1630 15150 MDC 250 kW 325 deg to SDN
1530-1630 15725 TRM 250 kW 270 deg to SDN
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 8, 2012)

Radio Dabanga schedule in Sudanese Arabic is 0430-0600 UT on 11650 Santa Maria de Galeria, 15400 Madagascar, 15550 Al Dhabbaya and 1530-1630 UT on 15150 Madagascar, 15725 Trincomalee.

Radio Tamazuj in Sudanese Arabic schedule is 0400-0429 UT on 11650 Santa Maria de Galeria, 15400 Madagascar, 15550 Al Dhabbaya (DX Re Mix News Bulgaria; via WDXC-UK Contact June DXnews May 30, 2012) (all via Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

15400, July 5 at 0514, R. Dabanga with rough defective audio via MADAGASCAR, good strength. In the earlier hour, others were hearing noise, maybe jamming, but I have never heard jamming around this frequency of theirs; suspect they were also hearing defective feed even before sign-on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. UKRAINE, 11560, R. Miraya (via Ukraine) OC at 0258 tune-in, then program start with M announcer in English in mid-announcement. Blues guitar music bridge, M in English with ID "Very good morning, welcome. R. MirayaÖ to our programÖ coming up is the news headlines". Afro music, then M with news. 0306 ID promo by M over piano music, into Afro Hi-life music with M giving TC and ID at 0306:30 to start. 0307 announcement with mention of "Miraya Breakfast Show", and more music. Not that strong but clear. (23 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and

Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Ciao! Miraya FM 11560 kHz, QSL letter in 9 days. V/s : Mr. Jean-Luc Mootoosamy. Sent 1 IRC. Report sent to: Miraya FM, C/o: Fondation Hirondelle, Avenue du Temple 19/C, CH-1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. (Roberto Pavanello, July 2, playdx yg via DXLD) Admits via Ukraine?

** SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio, 1170 Manzini. June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1814-1818. Preacher talking about the Joy of The Lord. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Good reception this morning of SAQ, 17.2 kHz right from the first bursts of carrier at 0846 UT right through until the descending tone (power down) at 0907. The CW message started at exactly 0900 and lasted 'til 0906.

The weather at the time up here was appalling, rather like standing in a shower, and some moisture got into the aerial circuit of my home-brew set which de-sensitised it somewhat. Still managed to hear all the tx and the set is drying out ready for the 1200 broadcast. 73's

Good signal from SAQ, 17.2kHz, this afternoon (1/7) from tune-up at 1145UTC until power-down of the transmitter at 1206 UT. Strings of IDs "VVV VVV VVV DE SAQ SAQ SAQ" before the CW message started at 1200 with "CQ CQ CQ DE SAQ SAQ SAQ..."

Also managed to hear the 3 Russian "Alpha" navigational stations beeping away on 14.88kHz afterwards (Nick Rank, Buxton, UK, July 1, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Re: R Nord Revival 2012 - SW begins Friday night
Now on 5895 kHz re Ronny Forslund on Facebook about an hour ago:

"Nu %r vi igÂng pÂ kortvÂg 5895 kHz. On the air on SW 5895 kHz now."

Fair strength signal and clear reception on just Sony 7600GR with telescopic aerial here in southern England at 1930 UT. (AOR 7030+ is tuned to RNW's farewell - good job I have two ears!) (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, Sony 7600GR +telescopic, 1939 UT June 29, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Radio Nord now on air on 5895 kHz from Sala Sweden re tip off from Ronny Forslund on Facebook. Fair strength signal on clear frequency here in southern England on just Sony 7600GR with telescopic.
(my AOR 7030+ is tuned to RNW's Farewell on 17605)(Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, 1952 UT, ibid.)

Just tuned to this having listened to the radio NL closedown. Must

admit R Nord was before my time. My time started with R Veronica. Reception OKish on my Degan DE1103 but QRM from switch mode power supplies annoying. Regards, (Gareth, Sent using BlackBerryÆ from Orange, bdxc-uk yg via DXLD)

[Moderator: Excellent signal now I've tuned in on the AOR7030+ here with external aerial. Armchair quality - have now realised they are on 5895 kHz AM+LSB (i.e. nothing on USB) Before my time also, but takes you back to a somehow less complicated age - Alan Pennington] 2113 ut

Having switched to my main receiver (after RNW's sad farewell) Radio Nord Revival now very good on clear 5895 kHz. Have now realised also they are on AM+LSB (no USB). Old Radio Nord programming, ads, etc. in Swedish and occasional current Radio Nord Revival IDs in Swedish or English (Alan Pennington, AOR 7030+ / longwire, 2156 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quite a good signal from Radio Nord on 5895 kHz since tune-in at 1530 UT Saturday. Plenty of IDs and old Radio Nord recordings, mostly in Swedish with the occasional ID in English. The 5895 transmitter seems to be getting out very well (10 kW from Sala).

The programme schedule is now available on the station blog which also notes that the 603 kHz transmitter is now on the air:
Radio Nord story in English is scheduled at 1600-1700 UT followed by American DJ Ron Baxley Get Together in English at 1700.

http://www.radionordrevival.blogspot.co.uk/

Its good to hear Sweden back on SW with this temporary licence. If only the UK would licence similar private SW/MW stations to those now on the air regularly from Germany, Finland, Sweden etc. 73s (Dave Kenny, England, 1601 UT June 30, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

5895.02, 1825-2010 29.06, R Nord Revival, Sala (10 kW). Swedish ann, Swedish and English oldies, correct time ann, 1830 English ID: "This is Radio Nord Revival", ann website:
http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com
55544 in AM and LSB, but poor in USB, heard // 603 MW (2.5 kW) heavily disturbed (22232). Also heard on 5895 30.06 at 0950-1230 (45544) and 2135-2210 (55444) and again 01.07 at 2030-2115 (55544) (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Did anyone hear this or even try for it in N America? They have a two-week license, so are they using it beyond June 30?? (gh, DXLD)

MÂndagen den 2:e juli 2012: Radio Nord Revival has left the building

We closed down our operation on SW and MW at 0400 UTC/GMT (0600 SNT / CET) this morning and the Stockholm FM relay on 102.7 MHz a few hours later. Thank you very much for your support and positive comments about Radio Nord Revival. It was nice to have you with us as we reminisced old times and recalled a very special night on June 30th, 1962. This night also became very special 50 years later, mainly due to the input from you listeners. Thank you all! Upplagd av Ronny B Goode kl. 08:25 Inga kommentarer: Etiketter: 1962, June 30, Radio Nord, Radio Nord Revival (RNR website/blog via DXLD)

Dear radio friend, I have the pleasure of sending you a new press release in English and Norwegian.

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Dated 4th of July, 2012 For Immediate release --- Friday July 6th:
RADIO NORTHERN STAR TEST TRANSMISSION ON SHORTWAVE 5895 KHZ
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English text:

Starting on Friday July 6th 0330 UTC/GMT (0530 Norwegian Time/CET) Radio Nord Revival in Sweden will be relaying the programmes of Radio Northern Star in a long test transmission on Shortwave 5895 kHz (reserve frequency 6065 kHz) in the 49 meter band with a power of 10 kW. This test will last until Saturday morning July 7th at @0600. We welcome written reception reports to Radio Northern Star, Box 100, N5331 RONG, NORWAY. Email may also be used: 1000 @ northernstar.no

For listeners outside Scandinavia we would also like mp3 recordings of the transmission, but please do not send large files as attachments to emails. If you want to send large files, send them on a CD to the address above. Be sure to include return postage if you'd like regular mail replies. Correct reports will be answered by QSL-letter.

Our radio station is also available via the company website http://www.northernstar.no as well as iPhone/iPad/iPod touch,- and Android apps. In addition, listeners may access the good sounds of the station format "Favorites, Flips, Flops and Rarities" in iTunes, Windows Media Player as well as on many other platforms.

Needless to say, our aim is to be on as many media platforms as possible! We look forward to working with advertisers, sponsors, and those who want to broadcast over our station, assist in any way, or rent air time with us. Please see our rate cards on our website.

We also refer you to our program schedule and information leaflet, both available in pdf format on our website. The station has recently

included two weekly programs from external producers in its broadcasting schedule, and expects more soon.

Good listening on - The Northern Star- The Worldwide Norwegian!

Radio Northern Star is an independent commercial radio station broadcasting on the web and available broadcasting platforms starting regular transmissions on May 4th. If you missed our opening, you may download it from our website as an mp3 file.

Norsk tekst:

Fredag 6 juli fra 0330 UTC / GMT (0530 norsk tid / CET) vil Radio Northern Star/Nordstjernen pr¯vesende over Radio Nord Revival i Sverige pÂ kortb¯lge 5895 kHz(reservefrekvens 6065 kHz) i 49 meter bÂndet med en effekt pÂ 10000 watt. Testen vil vare frem til l¯rdag morgen 07.07 ca.kl.0600. Vi tar imot skriftlige lytterrapporter til Radio Northern Star, Box 100, N5331 RONG, NORGE. E-post kan ogsÂ brukes: 1000 @ northernstar.no

For lyttere utenfor Skandinavia ¯nsker vi ogsÂ mp3 opptak av sendingen, men vennligst ikke send store filer som vedlegg til e-post. Hvis du ¯nsker Â sende store filer, send dem pÂ en CD til adressen ovenfor. S¯rg for Â inkludere returporto hvis du ¯nsker svar over vanlig post. Korrekte rapporter vil bli besvart med QSL-brev.

Stasjonen er ogsÂ tilgjengelig via selskapets hjemmeside http://www.northernstar.no samt iPhone / iPad / iPod touch, - og Android apper. Lyttere kan ogsÂ fÂ tilgang til "godlyden" av stasjonen i iTunes, Windows Media Player samt andre plattformer.

Det er naturligvis un¯dvendig Â si at vi ¯nsker Â vÊre pÂ sÂ mange medieplattformer som mulig! Vi ser fram til Â jobbe sammen med annons¯rer, sponsorer, de som vil yte assistanse pÂ forskjellige mÂter, og de som vil leie sendetid hos oss.

Vennligst se vÂre prislister pÂ vÂr nettside. Vi viser ogsÂ til vÂr programoversikt and informasjonsbrosjyre, begge er tilgjengelige i pdf format pÂ websiden. Stasjonen har nylig inkludert 2 ukentlige programmer fra eksterne produsenter i sendeplanen, og tar sikte pÂ flere.

God lytting pÂ Northern Star!

Radio Northern Star/Nordstjernen er en selvstendig kommersiell radiostasjon pÂ nettet og tilgjengelige kringkastingsplattformer som startet regulÊre sendinger 4. mai. Hvis du ikke lyttet til stasjonen

da den Âpnet, kan du laste ned et opptak i mp3 format og spille det av pÂ din egen maskin.

Greetings from Norway

(Svenn Martinsen
"SvennM"
CEO/Radiosjef
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"Your Radio Heartland of Music"
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NORWAY
+4756324985, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) (also via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SYRIA. 9330, June 12 at 2100, R. Damascus, very strong carrier, but virtually unmodulated, anthem just audible in background at s/on, SIO 321, QRM WBCQ (Dave Kenny, Caversham, Berkshire, England, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

[and non]. 9285, Only on 21/6, maybe test transmissions of Radio Damascus in French noted at 1930 and 9330 was empty. On 26/6 from 1800 was in German on traditional 9330.

To note: on 9325 is VOK from 1700 in Russian and from 1800 in German and on 9330 Damascus in same order 1700 RR, 1800 GG (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

9330, 01/Jul 2222, R Damasco in Spanish. Good signal, but almost no modulation. 45431 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 13130, Sound of Hope. Chinese talks 2209, also on 13270, 13350, 13430. Fair on 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

And no Firedrake on any of them? How fortunate; o, it`s in the first quarter of the hour when the ChiCom don`t bother to jam it (gh, DXLD)

15900, Sound of Hope. Presumed with talks in Chinese but jammed with pseudo-opera noise mainly at 0450 on 22/6 and // 17170, 17450.

16980, Sound of Hope. Most likely in Chinese and poor due to jamming, 1150 on 21/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

17100, Sound of Hope. Chinese talks 0749, not very strong, but unjammed, 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. 9955, June 29 at 0213, PCJ Media `Happy Station` special 2-hour tribute to almost defunct RNW, via WRMI: heard from 0200 on webcast, but only wall-of-noise jamming on 9955, surprise2. Keith Perron said last week that a second frequency from a secret site would be announced a few days before but never followed up. Certainly could have used one, tnx to Arnie`s jammers. First 10 minutes of show on webcast said nothing about another frequency, so I guess it did not eventuate. Anyhow, each hour may now be downloaded or listened to via http://www.pcjmedia.com/ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. LOG: Voice of Tibet via Dushanbe, 15495 kHz, O=4-5
15495 KHZ s/off 1340 UT O=4-5
15485 KHz s/off 1400 UT O=4-5
15605 KHz s/off 1410 UT O=4
15615 KHz s/off 1430 UT O=5
17575 KHz s/off 1430 UT O=4 via Talata (MDG)

Der ewige Frequenzwechsel bringt Spannung ins Gesch%ft und die Musik ist eher eintˆnig. W%hrend der ganzen Zeit nicht eine Ansage gehˆrt. Da muss man sicherlich mal ein ernstes Wort mit Seiner Heiligkeit dem Dalai Lama reden. Das ist nicht DXer freundlich ;-) (Bodo Kirtz, June 30, A-DX via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

Nˆh, das ist ein begleitender Jammingsender aus China in Chinesisch, nicht Tibetan. V of Tibet MDG ist auf 17560 und 17570 kHz zugange.

Ansonsten aus TJK auf krumenn .2/3/7/8 split Frequenzen 15432 15442 15487 15487 15492 15542 15543 15558 15562 15567 15613 15603 73 wb

Wer Tibetanisch hˆren will: odd 15215.030 FEBA im Relay aus UAE S=8-9 bis 1230 UT

Und jetzt auch 12-1217 UT VoTibet TJK 15443 kHz, bis 1216 UT ungestˆrt, jetzt der Jammer auf 15445 kHz.

Und um 1317 UT VoTibet 15497 kHz, und begleitende chinesische Jammermusik auf 15495 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: VOICE OF TIBET, Yangi Yul, 15553+15543 kHz (9.3.2012), Cartolina QSL in 69 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: Gangchen Kyishong, Dharamsala 176215 (HP) (India). Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 15520, 1647-, Voice of Turkey, Jun 15. Good reception, with slight transmitter hum with English program to Asia. Talk of EU membership to Balkan countries (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15450, June 29 at 1241, VOT going from `Review of the Turkish Press` to `The Balkan Agenda` on dialog between Serbia and Kosovo. S9+15, much better signal than has been providing in past month, often JBA at best. This is 500 kW, 310 degrees from Emirler for W Europe but also USward. At 1305-1320 enjoyed Turkish music fill, then multi-lingual ID fill, very brief headlines, IS a couple times and off at 1324* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just a quick note: Voice of Turkey, English at 2200 UT missing from 9830 kHz today, July 4th 2012 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TRT Turkish 0000-0200 7260 kHz on air to Asia, powerhouse S=9+30dB in Germany. 0040 UT July 5. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

9770 9870 TRT Spanish service scheduled daily 01-02 UT, heard properly on 9770 kHz, S=9+15 db sidelobe signal into central Europe, at 0108 UT July 5.

\\ and much less strong 20 degrees southwards to SoAM on 9870 kHz S=6-7, hit by co-channel AIR Delhi Hindi co-channel (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. One of the most interesting places in the world right now has to be Turkey, and an easy way to follow events there is the Voice of Turkey. At the risk of giving a boring list, consider these facts.

Turkey is seen by President Obama as taking the lead in settling the trouble in neighbouring Syria. Opinion polls in the Arab world show most people see Turkey as a role model as their own countries` reform. Turkey has ethnic ties with peoples right across Central Asia. Turkey's economy grew at 10% last year, faster than China, but private debt expanded by up to 40%.

Over 100 journalists are in jail, a higher proportion than China. Turkey has been a secular republic for decades yet Fazil Say, an internationally acclaimed classical pianist, faces trial and an eighteen month prison sentence for blasphemously tweeting that the Koran says there are rivers of drinks in heaven, which makes it sound like a pub.

Meanwhile scholars of Islam have had their religious qualifications

recognised as fully equivalent as law degrees which means judges will be appointed in future purely on their knowledge of Islam.

Just how tumultuous things are now in Turkey can be judged from City Journal, an urban-policy magazine which published an article comparing modern Istanbul to Weimar Berlin, this can be read at http://bit.ly/ih4stj

Clearly Turkey is changing. No one can know how but the Voice of Turkey has to be a must-listen station in the months to come. For example, a long standing feature on the VoT is `Atat¸rk Rebirth of a Nation`. Monitoring references to Kemal Ataturk, the founder of a fiercely secular Turkey would be a great way to measure the Islamisation of the country (Susan Evans, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. QSL: Ucraina, RADIO DNIPROVSKA HVYLIA, Zaporizhia, 11980 kHz (10.3.2012), E-QSL in 13 giorni. E-rpt con MP3 spedito a: radiodh @ rambler.ru V/s: Alex (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, July 1, playdx yg via DXLD)

** U K. BBC NAMES NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL
   Jul 4, 2:23 PM EDT

LONDON (AP) -- The British Broadcasting Corp. named executive George Entwistle its new chief on Tuesday, giving him one of the country's top media jobs.

Entwistle, 49, will replace current director-general Mark Thompson, who announced he would step down following London's 2012 Olympics after an eight year tenure that has seen him handle sweeping cuts to staff and services.

"I love the BBC and it's a privilege to be asked to lead it into the next stage of its creative life," said Entwistle, who joined the BBC as a trainee in 1989 and most recently worked as head of the organization's television services.

The 450,000-pound-salary ($702,000) post will come with a raft of challenges - not least the task of delivering the BBC's mix of entertainment and journalism amid a decline in funding.

Each British household with access to television and radio services pays a compulsory 145.50 pounds ($227) fee each year, but any rises in the levy have been frozen until 2016.

Already, Entwistle - who takes up his role on Sept. 17. - has agreed to take a smaller salary than his predecessor.

Media watchers in Britain had tipped the BBC's chief operating officer, Caroline Thomson, to become the 90-year-old broadcasting organization's first ever female chief (AP via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

BBC PULLS FROM RANKS FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL
By ALICE SPERI The Wall Street Journal Updated July 4, 2012, 6:31 p.m. ET

LONDON -- British Broadcasting Corp. named George Entwistle director-general, tapping a veteran programming executive from within its own ranks to navigate through a period of belt-tightening.

Mr. Entwistle, 49 years old, will take over from current Mark Thompson, who said he would step down after almost eight years leading the U.K.'s publicly funded television and radio network.

In a sign of the budget pressures on BBC, Mr. Entwistle will earn of -L-450,000 a year ($707,000) --- L-221,000 less than his predecessor -- following a long period of criticism of BBC executives' pay. Chris Patten, chairman of the oversight body known as the BBC Trust, which made the appointment, had said the next director would earn less.

Mr. Entwistle is director of BBC Vision, which runs program production, commissioning and broadcast across TV and Web.

He joined BBC in 1989 as a broadcast-journalism trainee. He worked on news and cultural programming for the network, where he ran the current-affairs program Newsnight for three years, starting the day before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S. He later started "The Culture Show" and worked on the current director's strategy review for the corporation's future, which included the recent restructuring. Last month, he oversaw the Queen's Diamond Jubilee coverage, which came under criticism for its commentary and scant live coverage.

In an interview with BBC on Wednesday, Lord Patten highlighted Mr. Entwistle's background in production as a key reason for his appointment.

"It's obviously an advantage that George knows the organization very well and the organization knows him," Lord Patten said. He said he expected Mr. Entwistle to find ways to improve BBC's performance at a time of financial constraints that he called "totally understandable."

One of Mr. Entwistle's primary tasks will be to secure new public funding in 2016. The corporation's current agreement with the British government sets the terms for its roughly -L-3.5 billion in annual funding, which comes from mandatory licenses U.K. households must buy to watch TV. In 2010, the BBC and the government agreed to retain household licenses at -L-145.50--but only if the broadcaster cut costs.

Mr. Entwistle will have to cope with a BBC funding model that may have to change. As Britons receive more BBC content through computers, tablets and mobile phones -- rather than TV sets ñ charging a yearly fee for each set increasingly looks outmoded.

The appointment comes in the midst of restructuring at the BBC. The network last fall announced it would cut 2,000 jobs to reduce expenses by 16% over the next five years. The corporation said it would also slash its website budget 25% and its budget for sports rights 15%. BBC also said it would reduce the proportion of its senior managers to 1% of total staff from 3%.

Mr. Entwistle won the job over other contenders including Caroline Thomson, BBC's chief operating officer, who would have been the broadcaster's first female director.

"Of course, I am very disappointed," Ms. Thomson said in a written statement. "But if it couldn't have been me, then George is absolutely the right choice."

A version of this article appeared July 5, 2012, on page B6 in the U.S. edition of The Wall Street Journal (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

GEORGE ENTWISTLE IS NAMED DIRECTOR OF BBC - NYTimes.com
July 4, 2012 By ERIC PFANNER

PARIS [sic] -- The BBC on Wednesday named a new leader who is seen as a safe pair of hands as the public broadcaster prepares for political jousting over its place in the media landscape and how it is financed.

The BBC said George Entwistle, the head of its television operations, would take over as director general in the autumn, succeeding Mark Thompson. Mr. Entwistle has worked at the BBC since he joined in 1989 as a broadcast journalism trainee.

Analysts said the appointment of a BBC veteran, rather than a high-profile outsider, could serve the corporation well as it gears up for negotiations with the government on the renewal of its royal charter, which is set to expire in 2017, as well as on the license fee on television-owning households, which provides most of the BBC's

revenue.

In 2010, the Conservative-led coalition government of Prime Minister David Cameron froze the fee for six years, after years of sizable increases under the previous Labour government. After overseeing an expansion into digital media and other new areas, Mr. Thompson, who has led the BBC since 2004, has had to cut jobs and scale back the broadcaster's ambitions, a role that Mr. Entwistle will now inherit.

"He's got to, above all, deliver value for money within the license fee, which is unlikely to be increased," said Claire Enders, chief executive of Enders Analysis in London. "The best way to do that would be if the BBC continues to meet its core mission. Picking someone who is Mr. Nice and a BBC traditionalist is a very good idea going into those negotiations."

Even though the BBC's charter runs for another five years, talks are expected to begin not long after Mr. Entwistle takes over. Mr. Entwistle beat out several other candidates for the job, including Ed Richards, chief executive of Ofcom, the British media regulator, and Caroline Thomson, the BBC chief operating officer.

"His experience of making and delivering great programs that audiences love -- built up through many years of working for the corporation -- will prove invaluable as he and his team work to ensure the BBC remains the greatest broadcaster in the world," said Chris Patten, chairman of the BBC Trust, which oversees the BBC.

The BBC director general is probably the highest-profile media executive in Britain. Because of the broadcaster's public funding, its large audiences -- its television channels are the most widely watched in Britain -- and its international reach, the director general is a lightning rod for criticism of everything from the BBC's strategy to the tone of its news reports.

Mr. Thompson also frequently clashed with executives of commercial television companies like British Sky Broadcasting, a pay-TV operator whose largest shareholder is News Corp., owned by Rupert Murdoch. One of Mr. Murdoch's sons, James, the former chairman of Sky, once accused the BBC under Mr. Thompson of mounting a "land grab" because of its expansion into areas like book publishing and online news.

In return for facing this kind of pressure, Mr. Entwistle will be less handsomely rewarded than Mr. Thompson. The director general's salary has been cut to -L-450,000, or $702,000, from the -L-671,000 that Mr. Thompson is now paid (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U K. If there were ever a reason for going beyond the narrow

confines of domestic broadcasting, the BBCís Diamond Jubilee coverage does it for me. In an article about this in the Daily Telegraph, Neil Midgley quotes an unnamed BBC presenter describing the radio coverage on 5 Live as ìappalling, banal, squeaky and overexcited." The source goes on, "There are a great many young presenters who have got used to being given gobbets of information on a clipboard, and they are very often know-nothings. And in this case, the know-nothings ruled. They...think...that if you squeak and squawk enough, that somehow you are conveying to the viewer the pleasure that you are having."

That's my opinion too, but I'd say it's true of most of the domestic output of the BBC and commercial stations today. To be honest, I'd say Newshour on the World Service is the only way to find out from the BBC what's going on without having to suffer jokes (PM and Broadcasting House) or stupid slanging matches (Today and Newsnight). (Susan Evans, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** UNITED KINGDOM. Recent times have not been the easiest for the BBC's international news services. The challenges our journalists face have never been so severe or varied, from increased harassment and intimidation to persistent efforts to censor BBC content. With global competition only intensifying, the BBC World Service has also had to face significant cuts to its funding, undergoing disrupting and painful change. In this context, we're announcing today that the BBC's global weekly audience estimate has seen a steady rise by 14 million to 239 million in 2012, up 6% from last year.

We still have significant challenges ahead, and while BBC World Service has managed to increase its overall audience to 180 million from 166 million in 2011 (an 8% increase) by delivering distinctive, high quality journalism, this should not mask that the BBC no longer serves audiences in some individual countries in the way we did previously.

In the past year, the BBC's Arabic Service has seen a record rise in audiences with 25 million adults weekly tuning in. BBC Persian TV has doubled its reach in Iran, with an audience of 6 million people, despite facing a campaign of censorship and intimidation by the Iranian authorities. Our English language radio programming on the BBC World Service has also performed well with audiences holding firm at about 44 million overall.

The global audiences for BBC World Service, BBC World News and bbc.com were 145 million for radio (down 1% this year), 97 million for television (up 13% including a 45% increase in BBC World Service TV platforms) and 30 million for online (including a 20% increase for BBC World Service online). This includes a strong year for the BBC's international mobile services. The bbc.com mobile site reached 2.7

million unique users per week, a 30% increase from 2011. These figures are a step in the right direction as they underline the international desire for the sort of independent journalism that the BBC provides. Globally, there remains a dire need for journalism that isn't slanted towards any one country, political or commercial viewpoint (Peter Horrocks, Director BBC Global News, BBC editors blog, June 27 via July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U K [non]. Frequency change of BBC:
1700-1800 NF 7425 CYP 300 kW / 077 deg to WeAs, ex 6155* Dari/Pashto
1800-1900 NF 7425 CYP 300 kW / 077 deg to WeAs, ex 6155* in Dari
* to avoid Voice of Russia in DRM (DX Re Mix News July 3 via DXLD)

** U K. World of radio via SHR --- Hi Glenn, The new time for World of Radio is now 1700 UT most Sundays. That is currently 18.00 British Summer Time and in the B12 season WOR will be at 1800 UT. Your programme is now on rotation with the SHR Community Access Programme so that means WOR should go to air every other Sunday. SHR now tries to be on air at least 4 out of 5 Sundays and we do a local FM only service on one full weekday per week for 24 hours.

For your WOR schedules page you can now mention this change and the following confirmed and correct info:

87.8 FM in most parts of Hertfordshire UK
Stream address http://89.238.166.194/south_herts_radio

That should end in /south_herts_radio with the underscore. There will be no mention of shortwave and the SHR website will reflect these changes as soon as time allows. Thanks for a great programme as always and best 73.

Join Gary Drew on a radio near you!
http://www.laserhothits.co.uk > Europe`s hottest shortwave free radio station.
http://www.southhertsradio.com > SHR - International Radio from Hertfordshire (Gary Drew, July 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK --- ARTHUR WARD Listening to the wireless long ago, a memory lane feature by a.w.

During the SummerñAutumn of 1945 the American Forces Network could be heard in Hamburg, North Germany on:

AFN Munich/Stuttgart audible most of the day everyday.
AFN Frankfurt only barely audible th3en only at times.
AFN Bremen generally a weak signal around midnight.
AFN Berlin seldom audible unless it was a lucky night.

AFN Leghorn, Italy seldom audible

Network programming was scheduled for most of the day with occasional open slots where stations went their own way, usually with interesting programming. The names of the autumn 1945 programme hosts have long slipped the memory as these short-lived armed forces broadcasters probably took an early ìUncle Samî ship from Cherbourg back to the States.

Thus, I used to rest most nights and listen to Sergeant ëMuffetí Moffatt of Minnesota who had a lengthy spell on the AFN Munich-Stuttgart ìMidnight Showîñ midnight to 2 am. or rather as long as I could stay awake. About twelve tunes an hour on long play Victory Discs specially recorded in the USA and supplied to American Forces Network stations could be fitted in. The amount of these recordings available could be gauged as seldom did a tune get a repeat for many weeks or months unless it was the latest hit which was plugged hourly.

I have mentioned before ìDancing With My Honey, Down Honeymoon Laneî sung by Connie Boswell was the theme for ìDancing on a Dimeî the pledge of money show for Infantile Paralysis research (which we called poliomyelitis in those days). This was a segment within the Midnight in Munich show whose opening theme was ìSkylinerî fitted in at about 1.00 pm, the time that Ludwig brought the coffee to the studio.

Night after night sums of money were pledged by individual GIís, although the huge sums were pledged by full service units who tried to outbid their rivals in aiding this worthy research and have their particular request played over the air. This worked up to a contest between units in the occupying armies of Collins, Hodges and Patton with the latterís units making outrageous pledges. The efficient AFN backroom personnel extracted the requests from their record library within a few minutes or less while the host filled in with small talk. It would have needed weeks of notice at the BBC to run a programme like this. It certainly made great radio listening.

The midnight shows were not networked so each station (listed above) had its own host and listeners. The exception to the rule was Christmas and New Year when fully networked programmes built around the all American theme were aired. Another variation was the station hook-up show with a half a dozen host ìHappy New Yearî voice-overs followed by a contribution from each in turn. AFN used most of the evening for their stateside coverage of ball-games until ìThe Vocal Touchî which was a libretto of love songs played bumper to bumper at 2345 hrs. Meanwhile British Forces Network ran their record programme from 2300 hrs until close down at Midnight. (2360 p.m. as the ditty said). (July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U S A. Happened to turn on C-SPAN at 1320 UT July 4, while breakfasting on our own grapes, and the subject was Voice of America, in a series on Foreign News Bureaux. Guest, Steve Redisch, Executive Editor of VOA, who as a federal employee, ex-CNN, has to admit that me makes $162K a year. But it`s a good backgrounder to what VOA does, taking call-in questions from mostly uninformed dentro-Americans; also brief clips of VOA TV shows. It`s a 45-minute segment, available here: http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/SteveR

At closing gave schedule of others in the FNB series this week: Mon Al Jazeera, Tue DW, Thu CCTV, Fri BBC America.

Who is the YL hosting this? Looks familiar as if previously on some commercial channel. Never saw her name on screen as CSPAN downplays personalities. Had to go back and play the start of another segment to see her name for a split second: Libby Casey. CSPAN is not the place to make a name for yourself (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Redisch spoke about the mission, operations, and message of the Voice of America radio operation. Starts at 3 min of 46min video at: http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/306915-6
(Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Redisch is among the group of former CNN refugees who came to VOA in the early to mid 2000 period who have been running roughshod over VOA employees, trying to de-federalize the work force and turning the entire BBG structure into the "Global News Network"

He also has a well-earned reputation as a bully and was ordered, as part of a settlement with one of the Parazit show hosts, to take anger management classes. Check out the BBG Watch material as that is where the real story of the internal battles is coming out (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) E.g.:

VOA TIBETAN BROADCASTERS WILL BE FIRED SO FRIENDS FROM CNN CAN GET ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL
By BBGWatcher on 03 March 2012 in BBG Forum with 2 Comments
http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2012/03/03/voa-tibetan-broadcasters-will-be-fired-so-friends-from-cnn-can-get-on-government-payroll/

ìWe learned this week that no one will be hired from the outside without approval from the 3rd floor. Also this week, a friend of Steve Redischís, a former CNNer and a POV, did a formal interview for a GS-13 job, called multi-media executive producer, answering directly to David Ensor.

Let me repeat that, despite the fact that they have announced RIFs and are identifying people who will be RIFed, they are still interviewing

friends of Redischís for staff jobs at VOA.î

Shameless. Outrageous.

Stop Voice of America radio broadcasts to Tibet, send several VOA Tibetan and Cantonese Service broadcasters and dozens of VOA English programmers and others to the unemployment office, and more former CNN friends of Steve Redischís can get high-paying government jobs for life because BBG and VOA executives would not even think about eliminating positions of their friends. They will be forever safe as federal employees.

With more and more friends from CNN and other places looking for secure jobs and more and more positions needed, more and more foreign language and English broadcasters need to clear out.

No wonder more and more foreign language and English programs need to be eliminated to ìsave money in the period of tight budgets.î

Save money? Not for American taxpayers unless they happen to be friends of VOA, IBB and BBG executives (BBGWatch via DXLD)

WHY INDEPENDENT REPORTER MATTHEW RUSSELL LEE ANNOYS VOICE OF AMERICA?
By BBGWatcher on 03 July 2012 in Featured News, Hot Tub Blog, Just Asking with No Comments
http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2012/07/03/why-independent-reporter-matthew-russell-lee-annoys-voice-of-america/

BBG Watch Commentary -- Inner City Press reporter Matthew Russell Lee

There is little doubt that United Nations officials find independent reporter Matthew Russell Lee highly annoying. His reports have uncovered fraud, waste, abuse and corruption at the UN. They can be found in the UNDP Blog and on the Inner City Press website.

Inner City Press describes itself as being ìheadquartered in the South Bronx of New York City, [and] engages in investigations and journalism regarding human rights, transparency, corporate accountability, community reinvestment, predatory lending, environmental justice, fair housing, social exclusion and related topics. Inner City Press covers (and where applicable is accredited media at) the United Nations, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, banking and insurance regulatory agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, and various courts.î

Here are some recent reports on corruption at the UN on the UNDP Blog:

In Afghanistan, UNDP Corruption turns criminal: thousand of payroll accounts donít match Human Resource records

CORRUPTION: ñ UNDP China spends $118,000 since 2011 for Maurice Strong

But while Matthew Russell Lee is clearly guilty of annoying UN officials with his anti-corruption stories, he also seems to have annoyed some of the other reporters covering the UN, including a Voice of America correspondent. They are trying to expel him from the voluntary United Nations Correspondents Association after he accused some of them of plagiarizing his reports without giving him credit and of other transgressions which they say are untrue.

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This is how the initial controversy among UN-based journalists was first reported by Brett D. Schaefer for National Review Online:

ìThe United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA) would have better things to do than pick a fight with a single reporter. But you would be wrong. Matthew Lee is the only reporter for Inner City Press, a Bronx-based nonprofit group known mainly for investigations of financial institutions and advocacy for the poor. Lee has broken a number of stories about the U.N., but now he himself is the story. In fact, he could become the first journalist ever expelled from UNCA.

Last week, UNCA announced that it would investigate Lee for unethical and unprofessional behavior.î

What appeared to be an internal dispute among journalists covering the UN was brought, however, to a completely new level by a top Voice of America executive who has called for revoking Mr. Leeís press credentials. To our knowledge, the Voice of America has never made such a request before, not even against the Soviet block journalists during the Cold War most of whom were engaging in espionage.

VOA's Steve Redisch's Complaint to the UN Against Matthew Russell Lee asking for his UN press accreditation to be reviewedWhile Reuters, Agence France Press, Bloomberg and Al-Arabia let their correspondents at the UN resolve their own differences with Matthew Russell Lee using the UNCA channels, the Executive Editor of the Voice of America Steve Redisch sent an email to the head of the UN News & Media Division

asking that Mr. Leeís press credentials at the UN be ìreviewed,î which amounts to asking for banning him from working as a reporter at the UN.

It is clearly unprecedented for the second-in-command executive at the Voice of America, which is funded by American taxpayers and communicates with the world through broadcasts and Internet on behalf of the United States, to request that an independent reporter be banned simply for ìfrequent, unprofessional and borderline harassing email correspondence.î

Even Mr. Redisch admits in his email to the UN that Mr. Lee has not physically threatened the VOA correspondent.î As the Voice of America Executive Editor, Mr. Redisch is a US government employee. His immediate boss is the Voice of America director David Ensor. Both Redisch and Ensor worked formerly for CNN (BBGWatch via DXLD)

** U S A. BRENDAN MURPHY, VOA ZIMBABWE SERVICE CHIEF DIED APRIL 5, 2012

I was searching the net for VOA Botswana QSL information and found few were verified by Brendan Murphy
http://www.playdx.com/news/news2010-2011.htm

BOTSWANA : STUDIO 7 (Relay VOA), Selebi Pikwe, 909 kHz, QSL-Card, Postcards, Sticker. Reply in 80 days after follow-up. V/s: Brendan Murphy (Zimbabwe Service Chief). (Vashek Korinek, South Africa)

Also found this following News at
http://www.xavierhighschool.org/s/952/social.aspx?sid=952&gid=1&pgid=2273

: Brendan J. Murphy `70 (yearbook photo), author and journalist, age 59, of Washington, DC and Wethersfield, died April 5, 2012 at home with his family and friends after a long illness. He was the brother of Kevin Murphy `67. Brendan was director of the U.S. Voice of America Broadcast Service to the African nation of Zimbabwe. He had been a reporter for the Cape Cod Times and for the Rome and Paris bureaus of United Press International. He also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development as a writer.

He was the author of two books: Butcher of Lyon, about Nazi Klaus Barbie; and Turncoat, true story of a British spy who betrayed the French resistance. He co-authored a recent book on the history of the Boy Scouts, the Scouting Party. While at Xavier, Brendan was a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit commended student, an editor of the Kestrel, participant in the drama club, Mercy/Xavier musicals, intramurals, JV soccer and the Wesleyan student program. After Xavier, he graduated from Boston College, and the journalism

graduate program at Boston University. He moved to Paris to teach journalism and later taught news reporting in Tunisia and other countries. He created a non-profit organization that collected used computers to send to African newspapers.
Also found his linkedin profile (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 15715, VOA via Bonaire. Fair in French 1118, a bit of an oddity, Saturdays Only. ID "Ici Washington", 30/6 (Craig Seager, Racal & G5RV, Bargo, NSW Southern Highlands DX-pedition, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

I`ve noticed this on the schedules too at 1100-1130 on Day 7. For HaÔti, Caribbean France? Maybe on the way, but really 80 degrees for W Africa (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes for Voice of America:
0300-0330 7260 SAO 100 kW/052 deg, ex 7330 SAO Arabic "Hello Darfur"
1400-1500 11825 KWT 250 kW/070 deg, ex 11880 PHT Urdu"RAap Ki Dunyaa"
1500-1530 11920 TIN 250 kW/305 deg, ex 11940 TIN Uzbek jammed by CHINA
1700-1800 9725 SAO 100 kW/126 deg, ex 12120 MDC English/Shona/Ndebele
1800-1900 9725 IRA 250 kW/251 deg, ex 12120 IRA English/Shona/Ndebele
2000-2200 13820 GB 250 kW/184 deg, ex 13820 SAC Spanish "Radio Marti"
0100-0300 11775 GB 250 kW/184 deg, ex 11775 SAC Spanish "Radio Marti"
(DX Re Mix News July 3 via DXLD) Please, R. MartÌ has not yet been merged with VOA (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Wanted to let you know that Bea Jacobs, the wife of radio engineer George Jacobs passed away recently. Do not have many details (GEORGE THURMAN, TX, July 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Our condolences to George (gh)

** U S A [and non]. 15000 & 10000, June 30 at 2359, I record the Leap Second from WWVH and/or WWV, but reception is poor on both, and even fades out in the middle of the minute. After all the promotion for months, they just do it without any announcement about it now. I should have recorded CHU 14670 which turned out to have a better signal the next minute as I checked to find it was indeed in synch with the WWVs after inserting a leap second too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910/FM, WQGY434 Fort Worth (Dallas xmtr) TX, WBAP studio relay; 1532, 22-June; Tuned in to OC then "WQGY434" call ID!!! That's a first. Then just OC, no relay. Nothing on 25990.

1502, 25-June; Texas Business on News-Talk 8-20 AM WBAP; On-Time Traffic Watch; WBAP Weather Center--"At least 101 today" VGood peaks // 25990. KOA not there. (Frodge-MI)

25950/FM, KOA Denver CO studio relay (presumed); 1527, 22-June; Commentary re Colorado work laws, unions, etc. No BoH break. in/out

25990/FM, Fort Worth (Dallas xmtr) TX, WBAP studio link; 1502, 25-June; VGood peaks // 25910. 25990 not heard in recent weeks despite when 25910 is coming in (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1623 monitoring: first airing UT Thursday June 28 at 0330 confirmed on WRMI webcast, while 9955 as usual totally blocked by wall-of-noise jamming; tnx a lot, Arnie! WRMI repeats are: Sat 0800, 1500, 1730; Sun 0800, 1530, 1730; Mon 0500, 1130.

On WTWW: Thu 2100 9479, UT Sun 0400 5755.
On WWRB: UT Fri 0330v 5050
On WBCQ: UT Sat 0130v 5110v-CUSB Area 51

[and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1623 monitoring: confirmed on WWRB 5050 webcast, UT Friday June 29 starting at 0331+ after a two-minute-and-five-second very respectful pause following the South Carolina preacher who was over by 0329, Amen & Amen. For over the first minute there was noise on the line, then a quieter period before WOR playback started.

Next: UT Saturday June 30 at 0130v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB as confirmed listed this week on http://worldmicroscope.com

UT Saturday 0630 on Hamburger Lokalradio, Germany, 7265 [special time]
UT Saturday 0800, 1500, 1730; Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730; Monday 0500, 1130 on WRMI 9955
UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755
UT Tuesday 0930 on HLR 5980
Also on WRN via SiriusXM channel 120, Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

WORLD OF RADIO 1623 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB, UT Saturday June 30 from 0130:30; sufficient reception holding its own against the summer noise level.

Remaining repeats: on 9955 WRMI: Sat 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130. On WTWW 5755: UT Sunday 0400. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830. On HLR 5980: Tuesday 0930 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6/29/12, 5110 kHz, 0000/0400 WBCQ Area 51, S/N 32/09 music programming, World of Radio 1623, could barely hear it. Then ID was heard (Al Parker, Danbury CT USA, Grundig G8 Traveler 2 Digital radio

with a signal strength meter on it. S/N (in dbu/db), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1623 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW 5755, UT Sunday July 1 at 0400, with the now to be expected upcut during my opening, the first part of which is overridden by the legal hourtop ID. Strong signal but heavy fading here, as I suppose the skip was lengthening to favor points further west.

Next airings on WRMI: Sunday 1530, 1730, Monday 0500, 1130. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: also Sunday 1730. On HLR 5980 Germany: Tuesday 0930

WORLD OF RADIO 1623 monitoring: the 0500 UT Monday broadcast on WRMI 9955, checked July 2 at 0521 has at least two heavy pulse jammers with different rates, but I can make out a familiar voice underneath. Tnx a lot, Arnie!

WORLD OF RADIO 1624 monitoring: confirmed on first airing via WTWW, Thursday July 5 at 2100 on 9479; I had completed it just in time for this. Onward:

UT Friday 0330v on WWRB 5050
UT Saturday 0130v on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB Area 51
UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755
On WRMI 9955: Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730, Mon 0500, 1130
On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5755, 0400-, WTWW, Jun 17. Excellent reception of WOR starting after a canned ID. I'm glad to have WOR on SW when I'm at a remote location without internet access. Thanks, Glenn! (Walt Salmaniw, during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Thanks, George McClintock!

** U S A. QSL: 12105 WTWW - Murfreesboro - TN - USA - Recebido eQSL com foto em anexo mostrando a emissora e o presidente da mesma junto a um transmissor de 100.000 watt. Menos de 30 minutos. V/S: George McClintock (President of WTWW). Informe enviado por e-mail: george @ wtww.us QTH: 1784 West Northfield Blvd. # 305 - Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129 - USA (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso; Bandeirantes - Paran· - Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 9330, July 2 at 0519, no signal from WBCQ, tho WTJC was audible on 9370. WBCQ normally has a bigger signal than WTJC. Next

check 1220, still no 9330, making me wonder if the Good Friends Radio Network contract expired at Junend? However, at 1239 very poor signal on 9330 with gospel-rock, so it`s still/again there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420, WBCQ Monticello ME: 1750-1801+, 3-July; Aggressive Christianity with (Deborah Green?) huxtress in (extremely annoying) sing-song delivery. Per their web site, http://www.aggressivechristianity.net they're the home of the Shim Ra Na Tribal Nation, the army that doesn't shed blood. ToH WBCQ spot and back to more agression. All in English. SIO=253- ("Shim Ra Na" sounds like the lyrics to a 50's doo-wop song!) (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW Icom R3 + duckie, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7489.952, WBCQ, according to HFCC list, carrying TOM program?, 0052 UT July 5th. Weak signal here in Europe, hit heavily by UTE STANAG like signal on 7490-7496 kHz range (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, Brother Scare (gh)

** U S A. 9955, 0616-, Radio Prague, Jun 15. English news noted at fair level. Frequency seems slightly low at 9954.960. Nice to hear Miami again. If they'd ever fix the antenna beamed to the north west, I'm sure reception would be fantastic!. (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTJC heard on 9370 June 24 at 0018, fair signal, little interference but some fading. They had talk in Arabic or related language, gave the station address and after some Christian music went into Chinese at 0030 (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth, England, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

9275, June 29 at 0550, very distorted FMy blob of fair strength; by slope-detexion, tuning a bit to the side, I can hear some gospel music which is soon matching 9370 WTJC, so a minus 95 kHz spur from them. 9370 itself sounds OK except for usual undermodulation. Also audible a matching +95 blob around 9465. Fortunately nothing to QRM there at the moment, but WTJC is 24 hours and plenty of broadcasts are on 9465 elsewhen. As for 9275, Aoki shows only Star-Star number station from Taiwan on 9276 at some other hours. These are new spur frequencies from WTJC, having previously appeared at numerous other spots within at least 100 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9274.88, 9464.88, WTJC, 2350-2400+, June 29, distorted FMing spurs +/- 95 Khz from 9369.88. Gospel music. All frequencies strong with the spurs giving good reception in the FM mode. Thanks to Glenn Hauser tip (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

9277 approx., the FM spurblob from WTJC 9370, June 30 at 0510 has varied a couple kHz from previous night 9275; likewise the match around 9463, i.e. 93 instead of 95 kHz offset. Following my previous log, Brian Alexander in PA was hearing these spurs ``giving good reception in the FM mode``, at 2350, measured on 9274.88 and 9464.88, i.e. exactly 95.00 kHz above and below 9469.88, which is always off-frequency. I wonder if they have anything to do with subcarriers as on the broadcast FM band at similar offsets, except they are in the AM mode. Just more evidence that the WTJC transmitter (home-made?) is extremely faulty (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7555, June 30 at 0508 and still at 1154, WEWN Spanish is gone again from this frequency.

7555, July 1 at 0516, WEWN Spanish is on tonight, and still at 1254. It was off the night before, June 30, as well as June 24 and 25. On the air June 26 and not logged on 27, 28 or 29, so probably on then too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12160, WWCR in English with Bible thumping including a song sung to the tune of the theme to 'Flipper' (honest!) -- most bizzare [sic]! but I suppose it made me stop and listen -- and then quickly tune away as soon as the OM started droning on :) 4554+4+ 1613-1618 24/June (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston or Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet June 29 via DXLD)

** U S A. 13700, WINB, Red Lion. English religious talk at 1209. Weak and noisy on 7/6 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Longwires), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

?? WINB not on this frequency but 13570, and nothing else listed on 13700 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 11900, WWBS, Macon, English discussion about DX-ing at 0239 on 16/6. Fair level but spoiled by noise. Thanks to a tip from JW on his way to the Branch Meeting (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Longwires), July Australian DX News via DXLD).

??? WWBS has been super-kaput for many years; haven`t you heard? This was really the RMRC EDXC special via LITHUANIA, the repeat one week later of the original broadcast 9 June, and this time it was intact; as also reported just below this entry. I guess you were list-logging from extremely misleading Aoki where long-dead material lives on, and which however shows WWBS as 0000-0200 only, Sat & Sun (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Changes in FCC data at HFCC

This week FCC deleted this entry from their data in the HFCC file at http://www.hfcc.org/data/a12/index.phtml

7355 2200 0400 3-5,9-11,17 RNO 50 20 0 805 1234567 250312 281012 D Eng USA RNO FCC 914

but they have not updated the entry at http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/high-frequency-stations-seasonal-operating-frequency-schedules

They also changed this entry:
15590 1400 0100 3-5,9-11 RNO 50 20 0 805 1234567 250312 281012 D Eng USA RNO FCC 1133

to this:
15590 1600 2200 3-5,9-11 RNO 50 20 0 805 1234567 250312 281012 D Eng USA RNO FCC 21153

but again, no change on their own web site. df (Dan Ferguson, June 30, North American Shortwave Assn: http://www.naswa.net swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Meanwhile, WRNO is not on the air at all. 7355 was only an alternative frequency to the one they really did use once upon a time, 7505v. Daytime 15590 was not ever used when 7505 was active at night. They have left 7505 on the books as is, available 2200-1600 tho WRNO would be foolish to use it in daytime especially in summer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7506v did show up later; see dxldyg or 12-28

** U S A. 11715, 1435, 27-June; No sign of the KJES robo-kids (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11715+, July 4 at 1307, KJES is back with Bible quotation in English by OM, then YL hymn; good but not great signal, and undermodulated. First time I`ve heard The Lord`s Ranch in over a month. It`s slightly hi, no more than 11715.1. Maybe assisted by sporadic E which is soon up to VHF from Mexico.

Last previous report of this I can find was by Harold Frodge, MI, 29 May at 1308 on 11715.2. Last time I heard KJES was May 30 at 1933 on 15385+, despite periodic chex for it since on all three frequencies, including 7555, and non-reporting of non-logs. So it took a holiday to get them back (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15385, KJES Vado NM (presumed); 1801, 3-July; English hymn into

English robo-kids. SIO=4+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW Icom R3 + duckie, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11565, Thursday July 5 at 0849, praise music, only fair signal, so WHRI is occupying the frequency other nights besides Mondays with the Fiji clandestine. Someone reported that on a date equaling Tuesday, presumably a typo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 17680, July 1 at 2108, CVC La Voz, Miami via CHILE is now on the air, in sked curtailed to only two hours a day, and it`s announced as a 120-minute program, `El Show de la M˙sica N˙mero Uno`, ``lo mejor de la m˙sica Anglo``. DJ can hardly stop blabbing on and on. But this isn`t the real hit parade, just gospel-rock in English, if you listen to the monomaniacal lyrix about Jesus, etc. This is also contrary to their outdated pdf program schedule, showing `Top 20` at 20-22 on Sundays, while the first one reached condenses this to `Show de la M˙sica` at 21-23 Sundays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 17535, June 29 at 1246 traditional S Asian music, then announcement mentioning Bangla, address with P O Box in Dhaka, YL talk; 1248 with some English terms inserted, ``Institute of Medicine``, ``Agriculture Organisation``; 1251 vocal music of small men`s choir then joined by women along with traditional instruments; 1256 YL announcement; 1258 classical music accompanying Adventist World Radio mention ID, cut off in progress at 1259:10*. SINPO 25443. I was taking detailed notes hoping this would turn out to be one of the about to go off temporary Sri Lanka relays, for a special QSL. But no, it`s via Wertachtal, GERMANY. Never mind (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 15225, July 3 at 0544, lovely song by YL soloist, fair signal; 0546 announcement in Arabish? and ``Gott sei die Ehre`` theme, so naturally I assume it`s a WYFR relay --- but no! HFCC, EiBi and Aoki all say it`s AWR in Arabic at 04-06, 250 kW, 120 degrees via Wertachtal, GERMANY. Was there a change or source mixup, or is AWR also playing this tune, to confuse everybody? Aren`t there enough hymns to go around without duplication? Consult any hymnal with hundreds of them, as I often do when attending a more-or-less secular concert in a church venue; and bring my own padding if the pews are hard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17605, June 29 at 1259, tones on and off, a few notes of BaBcoCk music IS, 1300 YFR theme and opening Burmese, including English slogan as ``The sound of the new life``; good signal, too good for listed Tashkent, I continue to think, so instead the temporary substitute

site Grigoriopol, Pridnestrovye = Kishinov, Moldova, which WYFR previously confirmed. HFCC continues to show TAC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WYFR reconfirms it`s still PRIDNESTROVYE, q.v.

Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio in English to EaAf: 1800-2000 NF 9925 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg, ex 7395
(DX Re Mix News July 3 via DXLD)

** U S A. 5371.5-USB, what ARRL calls Channel 4 on the ``60`` meter band, July 5 at 0527, ham discussing ``our New Mexico wildfires``, finally signs as KJ5TG, over to a W6 who was JBA. I thought I copied call correctly, but ARRL/FCC and QRZ.com lookup show:
DUTTON, CHARLES A, KJ5TG, BURLESON, TX 76028
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 8473, 0310-, WLO, Jun 16. Almost perfect reception of WLO's newsfeed with information about Syria. An interesting diversion to the usual DX. Using MixW program. My email to them a number of months ago yielded no response, despite them asking for feedback/reports! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) mode???

** U S A. NIGHT OF NIGHTS XIII - SAVE THE DATE

The Maritime Radio Historical Society held the first "Night of Nights" on 12/July 2000 KPH and other CW "coast stations" appeared once again on the air. Every year since they have commemorated that date (the last official day of CW in the commercial service) by returning these stations to the air and honoring the men and women who came before us.

"Join us this year for Night of Nights XIII. See and hear a real Morse code coast station in full song. Mingle with the pioneers who were the men and women of the airwaves."

There is an open house, in California, but they will also be on the air. KSM and ideally KPH and KFS (and perhaps others) will be in action and K6KPH will be open to calls from amateur stations on the ham bands. Details and schedules will follow.

When: 12 July 2012 - Doors open at 3:00pm, first transmission at 5:01pm (0001 gmt UT 13 July) (via Paul Dobosz, MARE Tipsheet June 29 via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD) See: http://www.radiomarine.org

** U S A. 461.4 MHz, Bay City MI, Dependable Sewer Service; 5:04 & 6:01 PM EDT, 3-July; It is Dependable; heard two mentions of checks payable to Dependable. They got a call to clean out the sewer at Little Caesar's in Gladwin--escaped pepperoni? (Frodge-MI)

461.4, Saginaw MI, Billy's Contracting; 2:21 PM EDT, 56-July; This is the mystery dumpster service. Caught them picking up a 10 yard dumpster at a nearby site. I've never heard "Billy's" mentioned, but several references to the "Standish Yard" and the "Auburn frequency". Maybe the latter is their xmtr site--which would explain why the signals are solid (less than 10 miles away). Off to the next mystery--which is on 461.95. (Frodge-MI)

461.95 UNID; 3:19 PM EDT, 5-July; Unit calling "Powerline base"; "toilet on board truck" in Essexville. Whatever it is, it involved "loads" (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW Icom R3 + duckie, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tim Hall has been posting extensive MW logs from his road trip along I-10 from San Diego to New Orleans and back, with some side trips to Big Bend, etc. Lots of format, ID info, and he`s especially interested in TIS/HAR stations. Also lots of MEXICO, q.v.. Rather than try to pick out US stuff and re-edit it for DXLD, I suggest you consult recent posts by his name in the open archives of the ABDX yg, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABDX/messages
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MY AM RADIO HISTORY ESSAY IN RADIO WORLD 6-20-2012

Hi Glenn, I used to listen to your broadcasts when I was a SW DXer and SWL in the ë70s and ë80s. I was also briefly part of the pirate station KVHF-6420 in 1980 with engineer Bruce Roth and Rockiní Tommy Johnson (Tom Koza, now a very successful broadcast engineer in Southern California).

Anyway, I believe you may have plugged one of my radio history articles several years ago. I recently finished one, which is posted on Jeff Millerís American Radio History site, and is the basis of my guest commentary this past week in Radio World. I thought maybe you might enjoy reading it or pass it on to others you think would be interested.

It concerns my belief that a story told by Herbert Hoover about Los Angeles radio evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, owner of KFSG, and the so-called ìminions of Satanî telegram in the 1920s likely never happened. It is an early radio myth which I attempt to debunk.

Hereís the link to my editorial in Radio World, which also includes the link to my longer essay.
http://radioworld.com/article/time-to-debunk-a-myth-from-radio%E2%80%99s-infancy/214087

Regards, (Jim Hilliker, Monterey, CA, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It starts:

TIME TO DEBUNK A MYTH FROM RADIOíS INFANCY
by Jim Hilliker on 06.25.2012

In radioís infancy, legend has it, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson sent an angry telegram to Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover about her station, KFSG.

Hoover was sometimes called the ìradio czarî because he was in charge of broadcasting between 1920 and 1926. The supposed 1920s telegram reportedly contained the phrase ìplease order your minions of Satan to leave my radio station alone.î

Kenneth G. Ormiston and Aimee Semple McPherson, 1924. Photo credit: Intíl Church of the Foursquare Gospel Archive [caption]

For many years, I believed that this story was true. But now, after examining the facts closely, I believe this is another myth from radioís earliest years, not unlike the commonly heard statement that KDKA was the first radio station in the world. Such a telegram likely was never sent by McPherson. Hooverís telling of the story is full of gaps. . . (via DXLD)

And leading to the MUCH more detailed full story at http://jeff560.tripod.com/kfsg2.html

BTW, KFSG must have stood for International Church of the: Foursquare Gospel (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CHANGES COMING TO UNIVISIONíS INFLUENTIAL AM RADIO STATIONS IN MIAMI --- By Patricia Mazzei

UnivisiÛn, the Spanish-language broadcast network, plans to revamp the line-ups of its two Miami AM radio stations, which have long provided a platform for local politicians to discuss current issues and air campaign ads.

Miamiís WQBA-AM (1140) will become part of a new national AM radio network, UnivisiÛn AmÈrica, scheduled to launch on the Fourth of July. The new network will feature more national and international news and link stations in nine of UnivisiÛnís major markets, including Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles.

As a result, WQBA and its sister station, WAQI-AM (710), known as Radio MambÌ, will undergo a lineup change that is still in the works,

said Claudia Puig, a senior UnivisiÛn vice president and the stationsí general manager.

"Weíre going to take the ëbest ofí and put it in MambÌ," she said.

Both stations will continue to have local content, Puig added. And Radio MambÌ, the longtime platform for hardline Cuban exiles, "is still going to have a strong, Cuban-American voice," she said. MambÌ will keep its partnership with the Miami Marlins and WQBA with the Miami Dolphins and the Miami Heat.

For weeks, rumors have swirled in the tight-knit world of Miami Spanish-language radio about the future of the two stations and of WQBA in particular, which has branded itself as the go-to station for daily current-events talk shows and taken a less Cuba-centric approach than MambÌ. There have also been questions about whether a potential lineup change would leave popular radio hosts and their staffs out of work.

Puig said the stations will have "centralized" operations ó they already share office and studio space in Little Havana. She did not delve into details about the future of radio hosts but pushed back on the suggestion that the changes could result in layoffs.

"I would not say that weíre going to be smaller ó absolutely not," she said in an interview. "Weíre going to continue with a lot of our staff here."

UnivisiÛn declined to provide information on how many people are employed by the two Miami AM stations.

Puig said the changes ó which will not affect the networkís two FM music stations ó are not being driven by the local AM stations or their ratings but by Univisionís national strategy to grow Hispanicsí voice in the country. "We have a commitment to continue to empower the Hispanic community," she said.

MambÌ remains the most popular AM radio station in the local market. The station placed No. 14 among all local stations in April, according to Arbitron. (The numbers fluctuate widely from month to month.) WQBA placed 24th, outranked among AM stations only by the English-language WIOD-AM (610) and the Spanish-language WSUA-AM (1260), known as Radio Caracol, which caters to Colombians.

By switching WQBA to the national Univision America network, Puig said, MambÌ and WQBA will be getting a long-overdue touch-up and distinct identities. "I think weíre creating a much stronger brand," she said. "We havenít updated them in a long time."

The nine markets that will take part in the Univision America network are Chicago, Houston, Dallas, McAllen, El Paso, San Antonio, Las Vegas and Los ¡ngeles. 73 (Miami Herald via Oscar de CÈspedes. July 4, DXLD)

** U S A. AM 1450 KBPS SIGNED OFF FOR THE SUMMER

Local Portland AM station KBPS 1450 has signed off the air for the summer. KPBS is owned by the School district #1 Multnomah County, OR and has been on the air since 1959. The school district recently let go the program director. School district has budget problems. Rumors are that Oregon Public Broadcasting might purchase the station.?

Link from Portland PDX forum below.
http://feedback.pdxradio.com/topic/kbps-has-signed-off-for-the-summer?

KBPS has been training students since 1923. KBPS website below.
http://kbps.am/
(Dennis, Vroom, Kalama, WA, 2 July, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks Dennis. KBPS used to sign off all Summer back in the 60s & 70s. But later on they went 24 hours (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

** U S A. Cheating Station --- I received WQOH, 1480, Irondale, Alabama, identified by TOH ID then on into EWTN news at 10:00 P. M. EDT. I don't believe I could hear their licensed 28 watts at night that well here in South Carolina. The radio used was an RCA Victor 8 transistor radio, model RFG 12J (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, SC, June 27, ABDX via DXLD)

The last few evenings or nights RAMA's WQTM 1480, Fairbluff, NC has been running full power running a special Myrtle Beach promo program or programming. ID at 9 PM was live (Powell E Way III, SC, W4OPW, ibid.)

I received an interesting telephone call this morning from Jack Williams, General Manager of WQOH, 1480, Irondale, Alabama, concerning my post on Wednesday night about being on after dark with daytime power. He objected to my using the word, "cheating", so we might have to come up with a different term. In his case, it was an accident caused by the transmitter controller losing its memory in a power outage. The condition was quickly corrected. Jack didn't know the brand name of his transmitter controller, but I know in one particular case a station is using a Sine Systems controller with an exceedingly volatile memory. It has to be programmed using a telephone and is a pain to use. The station gets stuck on either night or day power 24/7 for months at a time. Right now, it is on day power 24/7, but that is not the issue. Here we have a manager who genuinely cares about the

image of his station and does not care to tangle with the FCC. A manager who cares about his station, and an AM station at that? How refreshing! (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, S. C., ibid.)

Hi Robert, We've discussed the cheating term before, and I think the problem with it is that it implies deliberate action. Obviously, sometimes that's the case, as with a daytimer that isn't turned off on football night, or a station that "coincidentally" powers up just in time for the high school football game, and is powered down once that ends. Should our phrase be "unexpected DX opportunity?" Or something like it? "Cheating" or "cheater" may be good shorthand for us, but it _is_ accusatory, even if we don't mean it that way in our inner circle (which isn't as closed as we might like to think.) The WQOH manager has a point. Kudos to him for caring, and for reaching out to explain his situation and share his concerns ñ (Rick Lewis, MS, ibid.)

"Unexpected DX opportunity`` Love it! (Tim Kridel, ibid.)

Sometimes, you'll have a situation where after a serious lightning strike, or other reasons, you have a microprocessor freeze up and needs a reboot/recycle of power to get it to do its assigned duties again. Seen this firsthand. Vigilance is the key, but, still, pop happens and right off should never be an indictment. Patterns of repeated unintended events --- Well, there you go (Ron Gitschier, WNZF, ibid.)

Well, Mr. Williams needs to make sure this doesn't happen again. It's like this: He's responsible for correct operation of his station. Not catching this is poor institutional control. In the "old days" the FCC would have written him up. I use cheating when warranted. I would not have in this case unless it went on for an extended time.

That's WCEO 840 in Columbia. The Sine lost its memory and there is NO phone line to the transmitter (too cheap) and that is an FCC NO NO. It's already been reported to the FCC. They had this problem some time back, and they got a phone call from Atlanta. The 1480 in Fair Bluff, NC has been staying on past cut down running a Myrtle Beach, SC promo programming and the ID at 9 PM was live, and that was well past local sunset. If after a call the problem continues, the FCC considers it "Willful and repeated" and a lot of those rectangular green things with large numbers gets transferred to government coffers (Powell W Way III, ibid.)

Well, considering 800 WPJM has been running Day Power 24/7 since the Early 1990's and 1600 WFIS has been cheating since "Super Joe" bought it. Jack fixing WQOH after only being on Day Power for a couple of Hours past Sunset is pretty good!

Sine Transmitter controllers are legendary for the POOR Design of having a Volatile Memory on the clock circuit and I have had problems with the Sine doing that to me at WCKI and WQIZ. That is WHY I have a Burk at WLTQ, and when m,y Sines die, they will also be replaced by Burk.

Or like in WFIS's case when "Super Joe" Chewed me out for when I went to the 25 Watt Night power in the middle of a Hillcrest High Football Game instead of running Day Power until the end of the Game. Yup, that is why I quit in 2003.

But how long will it take for that to happen? WLMA ran Day Power 24/7 from 2 different Unauthorized Transmitter Sites for 19 YEARS before the FCC ordered it off of the air! This after several people have reported him for cheating on everything from EBS (In the days before EAS) and a Million other Violations.

I also know of 2 FM Translators and a LPFM that has been cheating since they went on the air.

Honestly, the only thing keeping more AM Stations from Cheating is the honesty of the Station ownership. Other than nailing a few pirates that Corporate Radio whines enough about, the only thing the FCC Cares about is Broadband Internet and Mobile phones where they can make a Buck.

We need a lot more AM Station Managers like Jack Williams who actually care about their AM Stations. 73, (Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ WLTQ, ibid.)

Our list moderator says he hears WQOH nightly or almost every night. NOW, that said, I don't believe Mr. Williams. As for WCEO, they are 50,000 watts. So the FCC will jump on that one (Powell E Way, ibid.)

** U S A. Re Memphis TN Franken FM: As for the 87.7 FM station owned by Dr. Flinn (K4EQO), who knows what he's doing? The drop dead date for the low-power TV stations is Jan. 1, 2013, so it will be interesting to see what happens. 73, (Pat Lane, W4OGG, via Roger Nash, W5RDN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: [Tvfmdx] Odd UNID solved from 6/7: KRFP-LP Moscow ID

Hi Glenn, Sorry for the late response. Been one thing after another. My bad; I forget to insert the signature with my location. I am in Salisbury, Vermont. It's just south of Middlebury in the Champlain Valley. Leigh mentioned he heard your show and you mentioned KFRP. Would have loved to have heard it; is it available to listen? Thanks & sorry you had to go thru posts to find the location (Jim Knight, June

28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jim, No problem. It`s near the end of World of Radio 1622, via http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html

Congrats again on such a catch. The only double-hop Es I ever had was Venezuela ch 2 many years ago. Except for the far fringes, just about everything in the US and Canada is single hop from here. 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD) See UNSOLICITED TESTMONIALS

** U S A. NEW RADIO STATION TO GO ON AIR SOON [Iowa]
By JENNIFER NELSON OST news editor
Created: Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:16 p.m. CDT

Grand River Valley Radio President Joe Hynek, who has been spearheading a project to bring a local radio station back to Osceola and Clarke County, has set a goal of having KSOI 91.9 FM at a full broadcast capacity in July. [caption]

A $214,000 grant was issued for the project from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP). Federal guidelines require the station to be on the air by August 18.

"But we want to be on the air as soon as we can," said Hynek.

The station is licensed as a non-commercial, educational, full-power FM radio station. It is expected to reach Clarke, Decatur, Union and Ringgold Counties, as well as the areas along Interstate 35 between Des Moines and Osceola.

A commercial station that served southern Iowa, including Osceola, for many years was sold to Iowa Public Radio in 2004 and turned into a translator station . . .
http://www.osceolaiowa.com/2012/06/26/new-radio-station-to-go-on-air-soon/ar9y7k5/
(via Blaine Thompson, IN, June 28, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. CAPITOL STEPS - POLITICS TAKES A HOLIDAY
KNAU Insider prEview-June 3, 2012

That's right, Joe Biden recently surprised us by announcing that in order to accommodate the Secret Service scandal and the requests of many public radio stations, the Capitol Steps July 4th edition of "Politics Takes a Holiday" will be a full hour. It's so wacky it just might work! Packed with new songs and more fun than a GSA party in Vegas. Join the fun on Wednesday at 5 pm.

Watch the Capitol Steps' 30th anniversary video
http://www.capsteps.com/special/satire-30years.html?

utm_source=KNAU+eNews+July+3%2C+2012&utm_campaign=eNews+June+28&utm_medium=email
(KNAU E-News via DXLD)

Real Audio linx to this and last year`s 4OJ radio special. By manipulating dates in the URL you may well find other quarterly shows from past year. Long affiliate list shows one with a July 8 date and even August 30, maybe webcast too then: http://www.capsteps.com/radio/
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. Punta Carretas Radio en 4064.75 kHz, 2132 UT. Alguien sabe algo? (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, July 3, condiglist yg via DXLD)

La escuchÈ reciÈn en AM en 4064.20 hasta 4064.75 kHz; lo que escuchÈ es Punta Carretas Radio, Punta Carretas Radio; ahora no sÈ si es alguien llamando a esa estaciÛn o quÈ (Paulero, 2235 UT, ibid.)

La estaciÛn de la Armada Nacional "Punta Carretas Radio" (CWF) es una de las tres estaciones de la Armada Uruguaya que se han escuchado en los ˙ltimos tiempos al servicio de los navegantes civiles. Las otras dos son "Cerrito Radio" (CWA) y La Paloma Radio (CWC30 ?) TambiÈn se ha escuchado la estaciÛn de Montevideo (CWM) pero principalmente en apoyo de los buques de la Armada.

La frecuencia de 4065 es un canal marino internacional semiduplex (QSX 4357) y es bastante com˙n escuchar phonepatches familiares u operativos; lo extraÒo es que los escuchaste en AM ya que los marinos usan solo USB! Desconozco si confirman con QSL pero serÌa interesante hacerlo antes que desaparezcan como ya pasÛ con varias estaciones costeras Argentinas. Saludos (Tony Paredes, LU2DKN, ibid.)

Punta Carretas Radio est· activa, seg˙n un PDF que edita la Armada Nacional del Uruguay, en varias frecuencias. Sin embargo, la emisora no depende de ella, sino de ANTEL, la empresa estatal (civil) de comunicaciones. Hace tiempo que ahora no, pero la he escuchado en 2768.5 kHz cursando tr·ficos muy breves en USB.

La informaciÛn sobre las costeras uruguayas, militares o no, en MF, HF y VHF se puede encontrar en la p·gina web del SOHMA (Servicio de OceanografÌa, HidrografÌa y MeteorologÌa de la Armada) en http://www.sohma.armada.mil.uy/aviso_a_los_navegantes.htm

El listado completo de las emisiones y frecuencias aparece en el primer PDF del aÒo, correspondiente a enero (en este caso el archivo serÌa folleto_1201. pdf). El resto contiene avisos a los navegantes y correcciones o addendas a los mismos.

Desconozco la veracidad de muchos de esos horarios y frecuencias. He tratado de escuchar los boletines a las horas mencionadas en HF y VHF,

y generalmente no se oye nada. La ˙nica con emisiones regulares parece ser Cerrito Radio en CW. 73 desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Condiglist July 4 via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6045.00, 2150-2300 27+28+30.06, R SarandÌ, Montevideo. Thanks to Thomas Nilsson, I heard a carrier here with very weak Spanish talk, identified by Thomas! 13221, QRM Xizang PBS 6050 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6045, Radio SarandÌ, Montevideo noted in USB (ex-LSB) now (July 3 at 0500 UT) with telephonic chat about female listener (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's interesting. I could swear that either on July 1 or July 2 whilst looking for Sarandi I came across a signal on 6045 in DSB at around 0900. Wasn't sure whether it was Sarandi or not as propagation wasn't too good. So I'm wondering if maybe they experimented a bit with DSB rather than LSB or USB, or whether it may have been someone else, but I would say that I hadn't encountered anyone else on the frequency around that time frame (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6045, Radio SarandÌ, Montevideo, again on LSB (noted in USB at the morning UT). Telephonic interview about Poland at 1855. No traces of La Voz de Artigas en 6075 kHz (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 3, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Received on LSB right now, 1147 UT, but barely readable at my QTH due to terrible splatter from 6060 Argentina (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, July 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, tentatively caught here, very weak at 0720 UT on 4 July on LSB, after not being able to detect anything on the frequency for the past few days. Hopefully it`s just conditions and we will see improved reception from Uruguay in the coming week (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, Central & South America, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congrats; I'm sure the signal levels were the same here and at (almost to us here) down under! Very low. I'd like to hear if any report sent to the mail I gave in a former message here was answered (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

** VANUATU. 3945, 0817-, Radio Vanuatu, Jun 17. Very good reception at 0817. Nothing heard on 7260. Continued at excellent levels with an ID at 0931. Off by 1000 without an ID, NA, etc., although an OC remained. Oops, they came back at 1002 with EZL music past 1038 (Walt Salmaniw,

during a DC-only overnighter to Rose Spit, 25 km from any transmission lines, Haida Gwaii, BC; I had three antennae to choose from: A PA0DT active antenna mounted on top of a 25í mast, a 900í BOG aimed at West Africa, and a 750í BOG aimed at New Zealand/East Australia, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 3975, 2145-2200* CVA, 30.06, Vatican R, Santa Maria di Galeria, Italian talk about Jesus. The last broadcast! Not heard 01.07; 55544 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) But see below 3975

[non]. 13730, Saturday June 30 at 1203, VR English news via CANADA still on until 1214*. Was not listening closely, but noticed more bits of music interspersed than usual. They kept announcing on this transmission that SW would end as of July 1, yet HFCC registrations show VR via Canada will continue one more month until July 31. Unfortunately, I woke up too late on July 1 to check whether this frequency (Sundays all in Spanish 1130-1214) was still on air.

Must check this Monday and also UT Monday 0250-0400 whether 7305 & 9610 are still on in English and Spanish and from Sackville. The 0100-0230 Spanish via Bonaire has already changed from 15470 to 9610, so listen for a site switch around 0250, and maybe a fleeting RCI IS & ID at start and/or finish. Portuguese via Bonaire at 0030-0100 is still listed on 15470 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15470 in Spanish ends on June 30 -
now Vatican Radio in Spanish on 9610 0105 UT July 1st.
9610 0100-0230 7,8,11 BON 250kW 320degr 0107-281012 Spa HOL VAT

S=9+25dB in Florida-USA, and on Jerry Strawman's Perseus in Iowa at S=9+20dB level. Jerry has the best Perseus signal in North America, this for months now, GREAT performance Jerry.

15470 0100-0230 12-15 BON 250kW 185degr 2503-300612 Spa HOL VAT

but scheduled VAT Portuguese, S=9+20dB signal at 0035 UT July 1st.
15470 0030-0100 12,13 BON 250kW 133degr Por HOL VAT
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And unspecified signal level on ATS-818 in the kitchen in Brandenburg, at least sufficiently audible, with rather pronounced fading and lots of static from the thunderstorms raging here right now, after two hot and humid days.

Also listed Santa Maria di Galeria with South Asia programming on 9580 appears to be there but is almost obliterated by much stronger Nador

on 9575 here. Could be an unfavourable situation also in the target area (Kai Ludwig, 0132 UT July 1, ibid.)

9610, July 2 at 0213, Vatican Radio Spanish on this new frequency via BONAIRE, ex-15470 ñ why? Was 19m not propagating southwards? It certainly was a bigsig here. Molested by REE 9630 spurs, see COSTA RICA.

0247 retune to see what happen as English at 0250 is supposed to come via Sackville. The 0230 French via Bonaire is ending, still with crap from 9630, and at 0249:45 for about 10 seconds both Bonaire and Sackville are playing VR IS, not synchronized; other than that, a very smooth transition, as the casual listener may not be aware there was a drastic site swap, both signals equally strong here. // 7305 has also just crash-started. English opens with standard announcement that as of July 1, this broadcast is no longer on these frequencies in Europe and America --- oh, yeah? What am I hearing, then?

Apparently back in the studio they are unaware that the relays continue, after the drastic July 1 cutbacks at the Santa Maria di Galeria site which was not carrying these transmissions, anyway! Sackville relays of Vatican are registered until July 31, and it looks like they will indeed proceed another month.

To be sure about the only other English relay to Americas, I alarm myself to check 13730 after 1200 July 2: yes, it`s still on via Sackville too, news about the Mexelex, US power outages vs 100+ temps. Initially this has a better signal than VOA Spanish 13750. 1213 again the announcement that since July 1 this broadcast is no longer on SW; o yeah? Geez.

13730, July 3 at 1211-1214* monitored the last two sesquiminutes of VR`s surviving English to Americas via CANADA, and after very brief quotation from pope and plug for saints of the day, NO announcement any more about this not being on shortwave. Maybe they finally figured this out at the studio, but could still have alleged it instead at the opening of broadcast like happened at 0250 July 2 on 9610 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9610, CANADA, Vatican Radio via Sackville, 0319 July 3, English, ending a program, then ID, IS and off suddenly. Good. (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia) Supposed to continue in Spanish until 0400; should have come right back on after beam switch from 240 to 253 degrees, per HFCC (gh, DXLD)

** VATICAN. Vatican Radio broadcasts to America from July 1st 2012

Hi Glenn, The following e-mail was received from Sergio Salvatori,

Frequency Management at Radio Vaticana. After 31 July 2012, there will no longer be broadcasts to the Americas, which I had thought would have continued via their Santa Maria di Galeria transmitter site. If anyone has comments regarding this decision, they can be forwarded to Mr. Salvatori at gestfreq @ vatiradio.va 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sent: 6/30/2012 8:17:15 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Vatican Radio broadcasts to America from July 1st 2012

Dear Mr Insinger, I apologize for writing you so late. As you probably already know staring from 00:00 CET most of Vatican Radio's Short Wave broadcasts to Europe and America will be cut: attached please find the new seasonal schedule.

All the broadcasts carried out so far from Sackville will close on 31 July 2012, those from Bonaire will continue till the end of the season. The programs to America will be available on Internet and on satellite. For more detailed information please visit our web site.

Dear Mr Insinger I would be very much pleased to receive your comments on this decision. Best regards, Sergio Salvatori, Vatican Radio, Frequency Management (via Ed Insinger, DXLD)

The full new schedule spreedsheet has been posted at the DXLD yg as an attachment (gh)

I wonder if their frequency 1611 kHz (S. Maria di Galeria) is still on the air. Their updated schedule at http://www.radiovaticana.org/en1/sched_eur1.asp shows it for some time slots but there is no metion of it in that xls file.
(Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST) [Later: No, it is not; removed from sked]

** VATICAN STATE [and non]
{BONAIRE/CANADA/MADAGASCAR/PHILIPPINES/RUSSIA/UZBEKISTAN}

Remaining shortwave outlets of Vatican Radio, scheduled from July 1st.

Relays via Sackville end on July 31st.

Also few broadcasts to Europe remain.

Latin/Italian	0530-0600, 0600-0730Sun, 0730-0830Sun, 0945-1030 Sun, 1840-1900
Arabic	0400-0430 NE/ME
	0645-0715 Mon-Sat AF
	2040-2100 NE

Some Belarus, Russian, Ukrainian, Armenian services too (Wolfgang

B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It had already been announced by the German service, explicitly amending their original reports, that the liturgical broadcasts in Latin language will continue to be transmitted on medium- and shortwave also for Europe. So what we see here indeed appears to be the real thing. What remains is the question if indeed the 1530 kHz transmitter will still be used, for perhaps less than a hour per day (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF VATICAN RADIO ON SHORT WAVES FROM JULY 1:

Amharic

0400-0415	daily	EaAf	9660SMG	11625MDC	
1630-1645	daily	EaAf	13765SMG	15570SMG	

Amharic/Russian/Armenian/Ukrainian (Oriental Liturgy)

0830-0950	Sun	WeEu	11740SMG		
0830-0950	Sun	EaAf	15595SMG	17590SMG	

Angelus

0950-1030	Sun	NoAf	15550SMG			
0950-1030	Sun	SoAf	17570MDC			
0950-1030	Sun	SoAs	17590SMG			
0950-1030	Sun	WeEu	6075SMG	7250SMG	9645SMG	11740SMG
0950-1030	Sun	N/ME	15595SMG			

Arabic Days Area kHz [so this is based on WRTH update format! -- gh]

0400-0430	daily	NoAf	9645SMG		
0400-0430	daily	N/ME	11715SMG		
0645-0705	Mon-Sat	WeEu	6075SMG		
0645-0705	Mon-Sat	NoAf	7250SMG	9645SMG	
0645-0705	Mon-Sat	N/ME	15595SMG		
1530-1600	daily	N/ME	11935SMG	15595SMG	
2040-2100	daily	NoAf	7250SMG	9645SMG	

Armenian

0210-0230	daily	CeAs	7335SMG	9645SMG	
1550-1610	daily	CeAs	11715SMG	15185SMG	till Sep.1
1550-1610	daily	CeAs	9585SMG	11715SMG	from Sep.2

Belarusian

1700-1720	daily	EaEu	11715SMG	till Sep.1	
1700-1720	daily	EaEu	7360SMG	from Sep.2	

Chinese

1230-1315	daily	EaAs	9900IRK	11890PUG	17590SMG
2200-2245	daily	EaAs	9600PHT	12035SMG	15460TIN

English

0140-0200	daily	SoAs	9580SMG	11730TAC	
0250-0320	daily	NCAm	7305SAC	9610SAC	till July 31
0300-0330	daily	SoAs	15460PUG		
0300-0330	daily	CeAf	7360MDC		
0500-0530	daily	ESAf	11625MDC	13765MDC	

0630-0645 Mon-Sat N/ME 15595SMG
0630-0700 daily NWAf 11625SMG 13765SMG
1200-1215 Mon-Sat CeAm 13730SAC till July 31
1530-1550 Sun-Fri SoAs 11850PHT 13765TAC 17520MDC
1530-1600 Sat SoAs 11850PHT 13765TAC 17520MDC
1615-1630 daily N/ME 15595SMG
1730-1800 daily ECAf 11625SMG 13765SMG 15570SMG
1945-2030 daily NoAm 9800SAC DRM till July 31
2000-2030 daily WCAf 9755SMG 11625SMG
English (Mass)
1130-1200 Fri N/ME 15595SMG 17590SMG

French
0230-0250 daily NCAm 9610BON till Sep. 1
0230-0250 daily NCAm 6040BON from Sep. 2
0430-0500 daily ECAf 9660SMG 11625SMG
0600-0630 Mon-Sat NWAf 11625SMG 13765SMG
0615-0630 Mon-Sat N/ME 15595SMG
1600-1615 daily N/ME 15595SMG
1700-1730 daily ECAf 13765SMG 15570SMG
2030-2100 daily WCAf 9755SMG 11625SMG
Hindi
0040-0100 daily SoAs 9580SMG 11730TAC
0200-0220 daily SoAs 15460PUG
1430-1450 daily SoAs 11850PHT 13765TAC 17520MDC
Italian
0600-0615 Mon-Sat N/ME 15595SMG
1200-1220 daily N/ME 17590SMG
1200-1220 daily WCAf 21675SMG
1900-1930 daily N/ME 13765SMG
Italian (Mass)
0730-0830 Sun WeEu 7250SMG
Latin (Mass)
0530-0600 daily WeEu 6075SMG 7250SMG 9645SMG
0530-0600 daily N/ME 15595SMG
Malayalam
0120-0140 daily SoAs 9580SMG 11730TAC
0240-0300 daily SoAs 15460PUG
1510-1530 daily SoAs 11850PHT 13765TAC 17520MDC
Papal Audience
0830-1000 Wed WeEu 6075SMG
Portuguese
0030-0100 daily SoAm 15470BON
0530-0600 daily WeAf 11625SMG
0530-0600 daily CSAf 13765MDC 15570SMG
1100-1130 Mon-Sat SoAm 13730SAC till July 31
1800-1830 daily ECAf 11625SMG 13765SMG
1800-1830 daily WeAf 15570SMG

Romanian (Liturgy)
0610-0730 Sun EaEu 7250SMG 9645SMG
Rosary
1840-1900 daily WeEu 6075SMG 7250SMG 9645SMG
1840-1900 daily ECAf 9755SMG
1840-1900 daily WeAf 11625SMG
1840-1900 daily N/ME 13765SMG

[later update inserted:]
Dear all, Please note the following minor change of Vatican Radio's schedule:
Rosary
1840-1900 daily WeEu add 3975VAT* and del 9645SMG // 6075SMG 7250SMG
1840-1900 daily ECAf 9755SMG
1840-1900 daily WeAf 11625SMG
1840-1900 daily N/ME 13765SMG
* 3975.6 variable, observed on July 4 evening
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Russian
1230-1300 daily CeAs 13685TAC 17865SMG
1610-1640 daily EaEu 11715SMG 15185SMG till Sep. 1
1610-1640 daily EaEu 9585SMG 11715SMG from Sep. 2
Somali
0345-0400 Sun EaAf 11625MDC
1615-1630 Sat EaAf 13765SMG 15570SMG
Spanish
0100-0230 daily SoAm 9610BON
0320-0400 daily NCAm 7305SAC 9610SAC till July 31
1130-1200 daily CeAm 13730SAC till July 31
1200-1215 Sun CeAm 13730SAC till July 31
1900-1930 Sat WCAf 9755SMG 11625SMG
Swahili
0330-0345 Sun ECAf 7360MDC
0330-0400 Mon-Sat ECAf 7360MDC
1600-1615 daily ECAf 13765SMG 15570SMG
1615-1630 Sun-Fri ECAf 13765SMG 15570SMG
Tamil
0100-0120 daily SoAs 9580SMG 11730TAC
0220-0240 daily SoAs 15460PUG
1450-1510 daily SoAs 11850PHT 13765TAC 17520MDC
Tigrinya
0415-0430 daily EaAf 9660SMG 11625MDC
1645-1700 daily EaAf 13765SMG 15570SMG
Ukrainian
1640-1700 daily EaEu 11715SMG 15185SMG till Sep. 1
1640-1700 daily EaEu 9585SMG 11715SMG from Sep. 2

Ukrainian (Liturgy)
0610-0745 Sun EaEu 9850SMG 11740SMG
Urdu
0025-0040 Mon/Thu SoAs 9580SMG 11730TAC
1410-1430 Wed/Sun SoAs 11850PHT 13765SMG 17520MDC
Vietnamese
1315-1400 daily SEAs 9900PHT 11890TIN
2315-2400 daily SEAs 9600PHT 12035SMG

Cancelled languages on short waves: Albanian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Esperanto, German, Finnish, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian (except Liturgy), Slovak, Slovenian and Swedish. Cancelled all European transmissions on short waves in English, French, Italian (except Liturgy), Spanish and Portuguese. Cancelled morning transmissions on SW in Belarussian, Russian, Ukrainian.

Summer schedule of Vatican Radio on medium waves from July 1:
585 kHz
0530-0600 Latin (Mass)
0600-0615 Italian Mon-Sat
0615-0630 French Mon-Sat
0630-0645 English Mon-Sat
0730-0830 Italian (Mass) Sun
0830-0950 Oriental Liturgy Sun
0950-1030 Angelus Sun
0830-1000 Papal Audience Wed
1100-1110 French Mon-Sat
1200-1220 Italian
1530-1600 Italian
1600-1615 French
1615-1630 English
1840-1900 Rosary

1260 kHz
0030-0100 Portuguese
0100-0145 Spanish
0210-0230 Armenian
0230-0300 Russian
0300-0320 Ukrainian
0320-0340 Belarussian
0340-0400 Lithuanian
0400-0430 Arabic
0500-0520 Finnish Mon/Sat and Swedish Tue-Fri/Sun
0520-0540 Albanian
1000-1130 Portuguese Mon-Sat
1130-1200 Spanish Mon-Sat
1230-1300 Russian

1530-1600 Arabic
1610-1640 Russian
1640-1700 Ukrainian

1611 kHz [later deleted, no longer on air]
0610-0745 Ukrainian (Liturgy) Sun
1550-1610 Armenian
1610-1640 Russian
1640-1700 Ukrainian
Last update: July 4, 2012 (Ivo Ivanov, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. Checking for the half-hour 0230-0300 English broadcast of Voice of Vietnam via Sackville on 6175 tonight, I found some unexpected programming. I tuned in at 0230 in the midst of some dead air for 15 seconds, but then it was solid French language songs until 0248 when the V.O.V. English programming began. First was a feature about a man who catches motorbike thieves, followed by a story about some Vietnamese islands. Only 10 minutes of English programming. At 0258 some dead air then more French songs.

I assume this was filler music supplied by the technicians at Sackville. Spanish was heard at 0304 but at re-check at 0313, it was back to French songs. Tuned in again at 0349 and had just started the same English features heard an hour earlier. At 0358, following some dead air, they played an English folk song, but interrupted that for V.O.V. in Spanish. Poor initially but built to very good by 0400. July 3 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA. Much detailed Swiss report on infrastructure RASD camps near Tindouf Algeria: <http://www.studio-basel.com/assets/files/files/TOPICS_02_WORKING.pdf> Many images and exact details about building use, etc. (June 20) (BC-DX June 29 via DXLD) 52 pdf pages

CLANDESTINE, 702, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALGERIA, back on this frequency, at least for today's evening broadcast. The previous observation of them using 702 was on 06MAR'12. The signal is not as strong or steady as on 1550 where it's typically 55444. As I write this, nearly 2145 UT, the program is in Arabic, of course (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, July 2, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

702 Polisario Front, Rabouni, is still using 702, but the R. AlgÈrienne/R.Al-Aghwat tx, at Al-Aghwat, to the east, is not causing too much QRM this time; in fact, very little interference, but probably due to some other factors, like propagation. On 03 JUL, they started the evening broadcast on 1550, then moved to 702 between 1900

and 2110. I had never caught them making a frequency change within the same broadcast period. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, ibid.)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, ZNBC Radio 1; 0450-0516+, 26-June; M in unknown language with Afro-tunes--as much talk as tunes; into English news at 0500+ with mentions of Zambia. Not // 6165 before 0500, but // during English news. Not // after news ending at 0515. SIO=352/QRN.

6165, ZNBC Radio 2; 0450-0516+, 26-June; Not // 5915 before 0500, but // during English news starting at 0500+. English news ended at 0514 into a musical promo; // 5915 thru the promo, but not // after. SIO=352 & slightly better than 5915 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Icom R3 + duckie, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That answers my unID around 0500 on 6165. How do the sunrise times compare in Lusaka and Ndjamena? As of July 1 it`s 0434 UT in Lusaka, 0439 UT in N`DjamÈna. At -15 latitude, Lusaka SR varies 5 minutes less than an hour during the year; at +12 latitude, Ndjamena SR varies half a sesquihour (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, ZNBC, 0245-0310, June 29, tune-in to Fish Eagle IS. Choral National Anthem at 0254. Vernacular talk at 0256. Some local Afro-pop music. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ZNBC2, 6165, Lusaka. June 30, 2012. Saturday. 1722-1737. OM interviewing another. Afro music and song from 1733. Poor, severe co-channel QRM, at times stronger than Zambia itself. OM talking in English, presumed CRI from Beijing per Aoki. Such a head-on clash that both are really unreadable. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

ZNBC2, 6165 Lusaka. June 30, 2012. Saturday. 1824-1900. ID at 1826 by YL "ZNBC, Zambia's National Broadcaster", into afro music and talk about someone's birthday. On to sports report with lots about N'dola and Mazibuku United, and the Bank of Zambia Tennis Club. At 1901, YL gives a live report from the Zambia International Trade Fair in N'dola. Good signal, but with a warbly het that could be Chad, now that China has gone. Jo'burg sunset 1527. You could be correct about Chad. Curses (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA [and non]. 13590, 0618-, CVC International, Jun 15. Good reception, except for CODAR hash with music (Western Christian). CODAR extends from 13607 kHz down to 13372 kHz. What a pest! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 6015.01, Zanzibar?? Decent OC here 0337-0406+. No audio

noted. A lot of slop QRM from 6020. India on 11735. (23 June)

6015, R. Tanzania Zanzibar. 0322-0327 talk by M in unknown language. 0327 no audio noted. Just blasted by 6020 [sic] MartÌ especially when they played music. Did some receiver tweaking and found W announcer with news bulletin 0330:35 to 0335:35 in what sounded like Swahili. 0335:35 audio off again. W returned at 0339:35. Into Koran briefly at 0340, Arabic-like music, then W again at 0341:10 with mention of Zanzibar. Soft Pop-like instrumental music, then M announcer with talk and mention of Zanzibar at 0342. 0343 Arabic vocal music bridge, and into speech by M. Deadair again at 0344:30. 0357 end of talk by same W announcer, brief music, then drum IS 0359, 4 slow time ticks, then W with news in Swahili but didn't catch an ID at ToH. Suddenly cut off again in mid-sentence at 0402. Glad to finally hear this. They're obviously having tech. difficulties. (28 June) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Dave, Excellent selection of very fine receptions! A few comments below. Zanzibar has always been a real challenge for me to hear on 6015. Seems your reception was slightly better than mine usually is. Great DX for the east coast! Fortunately their format never varies. Hearing that drum IS at 0359 is always a good sign that you are in fact hearing Zanzibar (Ron Howard, San Francisco, Calif., ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE. Voice of Zimbabwe, 999 Location ?? (not in any of my lists). June 28, 2012. Thursday. 1734-1747. YL's talking about women`s issues, and afro music with YL singing. Programme IDs as "Women in Music" at 1737, station ID "ZBC Voice of Zimbabwe" at 1738. Haven't logged this one on medium wave before. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 6045, ZBC Gweru, 1929-1944, June 28, carrier only, surfaced after co-channel AIR had closed. Presumably same carrier noted 2346-0012, still in the clear but still no trace of Radio Sarandi. Perhaps this is just a matter of my longwire not being directional enough for SAm? Tnx to Bill Bingham for helpful reports (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands (TenTec RX340, 25m. longwire NW-SE, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. Hi Martien. Radio Zimbabwe, 6045 Gweru. June 29, 2012. Friday. 0546-0625, I listened for this one last night, it faded in from 1435 but had gone by 1700. Missing all night, and I have been listening for it to come back since 0345. It finally faded in again this morning at 0546, an hour later than yesterday (June 28) and remained unreadable, but now, as of 0625, is fading out again. So I assume it is on throughout the night as usual, but propagation is preventing it reaching Jo'burg. Jo'burg sunrise 0456. Regards, (Bill

Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. U S A [non]. BOTSWANA/MADAGASCAR/SAO TOME/SRI LANKA
Some July 1 changes:
US IBB broadcaster to Zimbabwe Shona/Ndebele/English Studio 7
1700-1800 909BOT 4930BOT 7210MDG-ex SAO 9725SAO, delete 12120MDG
1800-1900 909BOT 7210SAO 9725IRA Mon-Fri, delete 12120IRA
(Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. CLANDESTINE, 9870, R. V. of the People (via Madagascar). 0408 M announcer in Afro unknown language with interview by M. Mentions of Afghanistan, Iran, government, people's revolution, prime minister. Some English interviews later. ID by M sandwiched by Afro. instrumental music at 0443:10 "?? welcome to ?? Radio Voice of the People. We broadcast ?? corporation... present the program... point 89 ?? welcome to the program... here on Radio Voice of the People... the country... Radio Voice of the People". Mention of "Radio Voice of the People" at 0440:40 and into another segment. Audio off suddenly in mid-sentence at 0458:23 and signal gone 2 seconds later. Fair strength but audio left a lot ot be desired. (28 June) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, NRD-535D, Perseus SDR, Eton E1, T2FD and Wellbrook ALA1530, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Anyone else getting a carrier on 576.000 kHz at 0420 UT? This has an audible het, heard on E-W ALA-100 and the northerly Flag, not on the westerly Flag. Unfortunately not noticed on indoor loop, so haven't been able to get a bearing.

[Later:] Well, it was an odd one; must have been a spur, but strangely, it suddenly weakened at 0450 UT, then restrengthened again suddenly 0451, then died away for good at 0453. Meyerton sunrise is at 0456UT. So, I don't know what to think, as it didn't look like a normal fade, but certainly it was rather a coincidental time to disappear. Obviously, will have to keep checking. And yes, the usual 1566 this evening, with the usual Doppler (?) smearing. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, 28 June, IRCA via DXLD) 1566 = presumed BENIN

Hi, This is a spur from CBK 540 [Watrous, SK]. Yesterday evening I was listening to Lars Larson on WNAX 570 which is almost straight south of here and heard lots of squealing and whistling underneath. I rotated my Sanserino loop E/W and the squealing and whistling almost completely buried CKSW 570 which comes in quite good here. I started tuning my GE superadio up and down and heard good audio around 576 on the dial. I started scanning up and down and the program matched CBK 540. It could be the result of the severe thunderstorms that went through Tuesday evening (Kenneth Nawalkowski, Sandy Lake, MB, ibid.)

Hi Kenneth, Is that CBK spur still on 576? Nothing noted here last

night, but tonight it is back, and has lasted well beyond Meyerton sunrise. Thanks for having pointed this out; it seem to be too good to be true for it to be TA, hi. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria BC, July 1, ibid.)

Nick, You might also try 504 kHz in case the spurs are symmetrical around 540. I checked 504 and 576 a few minutes ago, but there was too much electrical noise on 504 and too much KVI splash on 576 (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

Hi Nick, I wonder if you and I are picking up local/regional spurs on both 576 and 1566? I just checked now at 0105 UT (hours before Seattle area sunset) and see *big* peaks on 576 and 1566 (measured as 575.9997 and 1565.9980 by the software after calibration on KEX 1190; KSL 1160 not audible yet). 73, (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, UT July 2, ibid.)

I'm pretty sure that 576 is a spur, Guy, because it has a fairly constant signal strength, and seems to appear and disappear suddenly. 1566 has almost always been badly smeared over a couple of Hertz (but centered on 1566.000), and fades in and out more "naturally", as well as always disappearing within a few minutes of Parakou sunrise, so I'm tending to credit that one with being real. It only appears in the midsummer months, at least over the last few years. Occasionally I'd get something on 783 at the time as well, but not this year.

1566 started to show the slightest traces a few minutes ago here (0410 UT), but there is no sign at all of 576. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, ibid.)

I'm hearing (or rather seeing) similar results on 1566 here, altho after the flare there isn't any real sign of them tonight. The few times I've checked, nothing on 576 - which is surprising to me if it indeed is part of 540 CBK. 73 (Don VE6JY Moman, AB, ibid.)

After I'd reported (seeing) the carrier on 1566 at our local sunset, Don, I should report that it very quickly faded away, not to return this evening. Best wishes (Nick Hall-Patch, ibid.)

I'd had the same thought, given how powerful CBK is here, that if 576 was originating from CBK I should hear it hear long before it gets to the coast, and I have yet to do so. The carrier on 1566 hasn't been very good the last few days, just barely audible yesterday, but I'm pretty certain that one is "real". 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, ibid.)

During the 1970's when I was very active in MW DX, June/July was always the optimum time for me to look for the 3 big signals from Benin-1475, Ivory Coast-1493 and Togo-1502, at their sunrise. I was in

Long Island NY then. I used a HQ-150 and an indoor loop. Togo was easy as WTOP-1500 s/off at 1 am each night (Bob Foxworth, FL, ibid.)

Hi Nick, Sorry for not replying until now but my internet service which is wireless was down since Friday evening. It just came back on. On Friday, the spur and the audio on 576 was gone. I haven't checked since, but I will do so shortly. I have to turn the computer off as it causes too much interference. The amazing part is how strong it is here and yet Nigel doesn't hear it in Medicine Hat, which is not a whole lot farther away from Watrous, SK than I am in Sandy Lake (Kenneth Nawalkowsi, ibid.)

Hi Nick, I checked and CBK is not radiating any spurs. Everything from 540 to 580 is normal here (Kenneth, 2141 UT July 2, ibid.)

Thanks, Kenneth. The spur turned up again here this evening when I looked around 0410 UT, but was gone by 0535. Very curious. I also checked 504 kHz as Bruce Portzer suggested, plus a couple of other possible symmetrical frequencies and found nothing. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, 0542 UT July 3, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Sounded like Native Music with English announcer with very thick accent, and singing Jingles On 930 kHz. It sounded like KNSA? but that is too far away and only 4 kW. Heard around 11 PM Eastern Daylight Time On Kenwood R-1000 with 75 Foot Wire. Any Ideas? 73, (Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ WLTQ, 0336 UT June 30, ABDX via DXLD) Native to what??? Where is KNSA? Where are you? (gh, DXLD) KJ4HYD, Laurens SC (Kevin, July 4, ABDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4939.88, 2304 UT 22 June, news in Italian, sports news, jingle, ID (Rai Due?), then silent carrier. Unofficial relay? SIO 343 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, Berkshire, Tropical Bands Logbook, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6045, July 5 at 0845 since I wake up briefly, I look for R. SarandÌ, only detecting a JBA carrier (or two?). The Uruguayan has been reported at times in LSB, other times USB, or maybe even DSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6165, June 30 at 0458, weak music, making me wonder if Chad is back? 6165 is now totally free of Bonaire! Maybe Zambia is still propagating, and then there is 0430-0500 NHK Russian via Lithuania listed. Some talk after 0500 I could not confirm as French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See ZAMBIA

UNIDENTIFIED. 15175, 2320-, Digital hash, Jun 15. What looked like a super wide DRM signal, but spreading twice the width seen for minutes on end between 15164 and 15186 with a loud digital buzz. Looking more

closely, there's also diagonal hash marks, like one sees with CODAR. I'm assuming the intruder is some form of OTH radar, which occupies increasingly large segments of the SW band, although thankfully intermittent! (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15595, Tuesday July 3 at 1316, fair signal with jazz caught my ear; what`s this? But cut off abruptly at 1316:25*. Nothing scheduled at this time, tho Vatican uses 15595 sporadically at many other hours; and DW starts Dari via Singapore at 1330. 13-14 is the jazz hour on VOA, but only on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Hi Glenn, Leigh at KRFP actually sent the link & listened to the entire show. It's a very interesting show & I never really knew it was on. I'll be listening each week now. Thanks for the link also.

In all my DX years which is about 42, I have only had 4 major events. One being the double-hop to Moscow, Idaho. The others were getting Bermuda on E skip, hearing Jack-FM in Denver on a double-hop, & hearing a 10 watter in Georgia. So once every 10 years or so I get lucky!

I had fun with Leigh in tracing the Moscow skip. He was awesome in helping & I really owe it to him as without his help, I couldn't have done it.

Awesome show Glenn & thanks for getting back to me. Enjoy the upcoming holiday week, (Jim Knight in Salisbury, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you for your efforts --- Glenn, Happy 4th of July! Was just reading your latest logs on the ODXA Yahoo Group and got to thinking that I have been reading and listening to your efforts for many many years. I have been "SWL'ing" since 1970 and got to thinking about all of the big names who have contributed so much to my hobby and interests over the years. Your efforts above all have been key to much of the enjoyment that I have had listening to shortwave broadcast stations all these years. Sooo......thank you!!! (Bill Leal, VE3ES, Windsor, Ontario)

Re: CALENDAR OF mostly SW SPECIALS, FAREWELLS June 28 update --- have wanted to say for a while how much I appreciate Glenn compiling and posting this "411" (Rick Barton, AZ, ABDX)
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I was looking for this issue of Communications Handbook 1972 on Ebay and it popped up. I purchased it today and won the bidding. If you note on the photos of the pages, it has a photo of an article by GH!!! Click here to view a few pages

http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?
ViewItem&item=320933266036&ssPageName=ADME:L:OU:US:1123
(Artie Bigley, OH, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

http://www.ebay.com/itm/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?
ViewItem&_trksid=p4340.l2557&rt=nc&nma=true&item=320933266036&si=H59%252FeftwhsYerHtw2Ksan398FEc%253D&viewitem=&sspagename=ADME%3AL%3AOU%3AUS%3A1123&orig_cvip=true&rt=nc

First page of my article on International TV DXing, with a decal from double hop channel 2 Venezuela (gh, DXLD)

PUBLICATIONS
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Greetings to CRW subscribers!

You may have noticed that this group has been virtually dormant for a few years. Martin Schoech regrets that he has not been keeping up with clandestine activity, and has asked me to compensate for this.

It so happens that I have been publishing for many years a (now) weekly comprehensive DX LISTENING DIGEST online, including any news about clandestine radio, mainly on shortwave. The trouble is, I do not separate the cland info; it`s mixed in with everything else, in alfabetical country order. One reason is that I do not want to be in the position of declaring exactly what is clandestine and what is not.

The line is increasingly blurry, as World Radio TV Handbook has also acknowledged this by its categorization ``Clandestine and Other Target Broadcasts``, occupying only a few pages of its annual volume. You may wish to consult their current A-12 pdf update which is available free (but contributions encouraged), via http://www.wrth.com

Posting my entire DXLDs on this list is not necessary, but when each issue is published, I also distribute a notice to many lists, to which this one has been added, with a table of contents of all the countries covered in that issue. The latest one will be posted shortly here.

Please note my approach to such listings. Most items containing clandestine info will have a country heading followed by ``[non]``. This allows filing under the significant country rather than the

transmitter sites, which in many cases are in multiple countries.

But ``[non]`` is also used in other instances, such as relays of non-clandestine services from other countries. And often an entry must be headed ``[and non]``, when it includes both inside- and outside-sites. In the weekly notices this is contracted to ``[+ non]``.

Thus if you look over the contents of a new issue, you will find most of the clandestine info under such non-headings. Since I spend a great deal of time compiling DXLD, and try to be as comprehensive as possible, I hope that many readers will at least skim thru the entire issue for items that may interest them.

DXLD is also a research resource. The contents are added each week to
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html
This allows you to search on a keyword country thru an entire year`s issues and then link to each issue where it appears. Previous years` pages are also linked from the current year`s page.

If you are researching any frequency, any country or any other keyword, you may search on our large archive of DXLD issues.

The last 5 years or so are on this:
site:www.w4uvh.net
Previous to that, they were and still are stored at:
site:www.worldofradio.com

The current issue-change between the above two is starting with 7-063 at w4uvh.net; 7-062 and previous at worldofradio.com

Worldofradio.com is almost to capacity and as new files of other info are uploaded there it will eventually be necessary to move another previous DXLD file to w4uvh.net, etc.

And before that:
site:www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio

I donate all my time and effort, which amount to a full-time job, to compile DXLD, so financial support is appreciated:
by PayPal, not necessarily in US funds, to woradio @ yahoo.com
or check or money order in US funds on a US bank to
Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, USA

While all this info is freely available, I do require that any quotation of info from DXLD be fully attributed, not only to DXLD but to whatever sources (often multiple) that are cited in the credit line in () at the end of each entry! Add the year if citing old info, as the current years are usually omitted from credit lines.

Naturally, if any CRWatch members have new info to contribute about clandestine subjects, it will be most welcome for further DXLDs. I believe that Martin has it set up allowing me to post, but not other members, so contact me directly at wghauser @ yahoo.com

You may also be interested in listening to my weekly broadcast WORLD OF RADIO, which summarizes the most significant news from each DXLD. A large audio archive is accessible here:
http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html

WOR continues to be broadcast on several shortwave stations. Schedule is here:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html

And of course these and many other informative pages are reachable via my homepages:
http://www.worldofradio.com
http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio

Best wishes, (Glenn Hauser, crwatch yg via DXLD)

SENDER UND FREQUENZEN 2012

Schedules by time of German and separately of English broadcasts to Europe, on SW, satellite, and webcast, with further notes about how to hear various countries, and illustrations, 40 pages:
https://www.vth.de/fileadmin/user/shop_downloads/sf-2012-n1.pdf
(via Enrique Wembagher, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Second edition, similar but different info, also French and Spanish skeds, 48 pages:
https://www.vth.de/fileadmin/user/shop_downloads/sf-2012-n2.pdf
(via Wembagher, ibid.)

FREE 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND DXER PROMOTION

Happy Canada day and pending 4th of July weekends to all our readers on the HCDX list! RCI's former celebrity writer/broadcaster Ian McFarland and I send along our best wishes!

And during this weekend - at the link http://www.dxer.ca/cd-store we will be offering a variety of FREE downloads from our popular CD series of programs. Come on by and score some of our more popular podcasts for the price of a click of your mouse!

Normally priced between 99 cents and $2.50, Ian and I have raised over $4000 for his charity in scenic Duncan and the Cowichan Valley

on Vancouver Island. 73 to all! (Ian and Colin of DXer.ca July 2, HCDX via DXLD)

TUNING OUT --- A COLD-WAR STALWART GOES OUT OF FASHION

TWIDDLE the dial of a short-wave radio and you never know what you will get. Through the hiss of static you may hear Cuban propaganda, football from Brazil or Chinese opera. Unlike other radio broadcasts, short-wave transmissions, bouncing off the ionosphere, can connect any two points on earth. More at:
http://www.economist.com/node/21558247
--- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

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NOT FOR PRIME TIME

Some International Broadcasters think their listeners have a nine-to-five lifestyle. In fact there are many unemployed, retired or shift workers. The broadcasters can supply reception free of interference for these people by transmitting in the late morning and early afternoon of the target area, when there are lots of empty channels. DC (2527) (David Crystal, Israel, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

LEAP SECOND CRASHES COMPUTER SYSTEMS

As I write this, some of you may have been aware we had a leap second added to our clocks. The reason for this is that the earthís rotation is gradually slowing due to tidal friction with the moon, making the days lengthen by about 2 milliseconds per century.

Unfortunately it seems a number of computer systems couldnít handle it, among them the Qantas booking system and a number of overseas websites including Amazon Web Services. I hope your services stayed up! (Richard Jary, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Amigos radioescutas: Sintonizado nesta noite o reajuste do relogio atomico da WWV. Apesar da ma propagaÁ„o e do forte ruido que imperavam aqui na regiao onde resido, alguns minutos antes do Leap Second houve uma inesperada abertura em 20 MHz e pude sintonizar (e tambem gravar) o ultimo minuto UTC do mes de Junho, onde este minuto teve 61 segundos.

20000, 01/07 00:00, USA, WWV - NIST, Fort Collins, CO, time signal, Leap Second, 35333, MV. RX: Icom IC-R75. Antena: Long Wire 10m + Acoplador. 73 e boas escutas (Michel Viani - Osasco - SP, radioescutas yg via DXLD) But it was 30/06

Sitio web interesante --- http://www.utilityradio.com/

Bajo el apartado "Specials", luego "Time signals", encuentro unas cuantas grabaciones interesantes de emisoras horarias vivas y difuntas que creo vale la pena escuchar.

Lamentablemente no hay una grabaciÛn de LQB9 en 8167 kHz, emisora que recuerdo muy bien y de la cual tengo una confirmaciÛn por tarjeta QSL.

Me llama muy en particular la atenciÛn la inclusiÛn una emisora llamada "La SeÒal" que al parecer pertenecÌa a ANTEL, de Montevideo, Uruguay, y que el responsable del sitio fecha en 1973.

Fuera que hay un error (ANTEL que yo recuerde existe desde 1975 como empresa de telefonÌa desgajada de la antigua UTE - Usinas y TelÈfonos del Estado - fundada en 1912), jam·s habÌa oÌdo mencionar que Uruguay hubiese tenido una estaciÛn horaria. Horacio, øvos sabÈs algo de ese tema? 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, July 1, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Aclaro que el audio que se escucha en el caso de "La SeÒal" es el audio que se difundÌa telefÛnicamente y al que era posible acceder discando el 6 desde todo el paÌs. Hoy la voz fue cambiada, al igual que el n˙mero: el 16. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, ibid.)

Leyendo tu mensaje hice una elaboraciÛn hipotÈtica, de que si lo que hacÌa esa emisora era retransmitir la hora oficial telefÛnica, cuyo texto comenzaba con "la seÒal indicar·", no serÌa extraÒo que un gringo a falta de otro nombre la bautizara con las dos primeras palabras oÌdas (algunos parecen creer que los nombres en espaÒol siempre deben ir precedidos de un artÌculo). Luego mirando el sitio veo que dice exactamente eso! Pero en 1973 que yo recuerde Antel no existÌa a˙n. 73 (MoisÈs Knochen, ibid.)

This phone timesignal was used as a marker by the point-to-point station, among many I DXed in that epoch (gh, DXLD)

En definitiva, alg˙n nombre habÌa que ponerle a esta emisiÛn, que supuestamente serÌa llevada por algunas de las muchas frecuencias que se nombran. En el caso de la QSL-letter que aparece, se confirma un reporte de escucha de CXL35 en 20230 kHz, frecuencia que seg˙n dicen los verificadores de la Època, se usaba "para el tr·fico radiotelefÛnico con Berna" (????). 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, congiglist yg via dXLD)

SÌ, Recuerdo haber escuchado en los 70s esa seÒal horaria en banda utilitaria. A la vieja seÒora de la hora la conocÌ personalmente pues

era tÌa de una familia amiga. Es mas: Conservo en mi archivo sonoro la grabaciÛn de la hora de esa Època cuando habÌa que discar el 6. Fue grabada de telÈfono a cassette cuando experimentaba con grabar directo de la lÌnea sin usar micrÛfono mediante un circuito de condensadores y una resistencia y un trafo de lÌnea 8 - 300 ohmios. Se trataba de ute luego denominada ANTEL. Podrian ser emisiones para ajuste (Horacio Nigro, ibid.)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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BORDERHUNTER SUMMERMEETING 13-15 JULY

Hi, it`s time to invite you for the Borderhunter Summermeeting 2012. Find all the information about the meeting at http://www.summermeeting.net Click at the home page on ``Read more about this excellent meeting`` and search to the info in your own language. Hope to see you (again). 73 Frans, Borderhunter (via Alan Roe, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Viz.:

Borderhunter Summer Meeting 2012 information.

Hi Free Radio and pirate fans! It's already time for another one!From the 13th to the 15th of July 2012, everyone of distinction in the scene meets once again ñ both listeners and stations! On this particular weekend, itís provisionally planned that the next Borderhunter summer meeting (well-known and well-loved across Europe) will take place in the first [sic] week-end of July. Only those who already know about this fantastic meeting, know what the home stayers miss.

As in every year, the question of where to stay overnight is no problem! You can stay in a car, tent, caravan, hotel, B&B or at the accommodation at the camp site (complete with beds, but bring a sleeping bag) ñ everything can be brought along, as everything is best provided for. The meeting begins officially on Saturday, as usual. In addition, every year many hobbyists travel on Friday, which the boss of the organisation also has no problem with. Everyone is always most cordially welcome at any time!

You can safely leave your picnic basket at home with your mother ñ the selection of meals and drinks is so vast, that you will be a little bit heavier when you return home on Sunday! And all this and more at affordable prices. However in order not to drive the meeting organisation into financial ruin, there is a small contribution of 2 Euros per person which is obligatory.

Radio Borderhunter will organise a meeting for friends of the free

radio and pirate hobby, that is not only unique, but will also remain unsurpassed ñ that we promise all hobbyists! In order that we can better plan, we request that you let us know when you are coming, in advance if possible. As we want to make sure that we have enough food beforehand, for example.

Reservations, applications and questions should be directed to the following e-mail address: summermeeting2012 @ hotmail.com or to PO BOX 2702, 6049 ZG HERTEN, THE NETHERLANDS.

The exact route to the meeting will be given in advance. Most of you will know it from previous years. Our motto for this meeting, as always is: come, see, be amazed, be at home. All free radio friends are cordially welcome at the BORDERHUNTER SUMMER MEETING on the 13th until the 15th of July 2012!!! (via DXLD)

Borderhunter is a Euro-pirate that uses some higher 15 MHz frequencies (gh, DXLD)

ANNOUNCING THE 19th ANNUAL MADISON-MILWAUKEE GET-TOGETHER FOR DXERS AND RADIO ENTHUSIASTS

WHEN: Saturday, August 18, 2012, 1:00 PM until approximately 11 PM (come when you can and leave when you must)

WHERE: 3358 Ridgeway Avenue , Madison , Wisconsin (Bill and Ninaís home-- same location as in 2007)

HOSTS: Bill and Nina Dvorak (see Contact Information below)

ACTIVITIES: Expect good fellowship and lots of DX talk in an informal atmosphere. If you like, bring along radios, antennas, station souvenirs, QSLs, photos, log books or any show-and-tell items to share with the group. Some informal demonstrations are being lined up along with a makeshift antenna farm. Our annual group photo will take place at approximately 5 PM, so bring along your camera. At 5:30 we will head on to dinner, door prizes and surprises. As in several past years, we will be dining at the Esquire Club, 1025 North Sherman Avenue, Madison, WI 53704-4232. After dinner, we will reassemble back at Bill and Ninaís for the annual cake cutting and other activities.

REFRESHMENTS: An assortment of snacks and soft drinks will be provided. If you prefer an alternative beverage, please feel free to bring your own.

DIRECTIONS: If you plan to come to the GTG and need directions, please contact us. We do have maps developed specifically for the GTG, and they have detailed directions. Let us know you are coming and we will

gladly send you one. For help on the day of the GTG call us at home (see "Contact Us" below).

For those familiar with Madison , Ridgeway Avenue is parallel to, one block off and on the northwest side of East Washington Avenue between Aberg Avenue and Wright Street . Headed out-of-town it can be best accessed by taking a left at Carpenter Street , while heading downtown you should take a right at Grover Street . Our house is at the corner of Grover and Ridgeway.

Out-of-towners will find that our home is easily accessed from the Interstate (I39, I90 and I94 are all one stretch of road just east of Madison, and Exit 135 US-151 is East Washington Avenue). One word of caution: East Washington is undergoing construction this summer between the Interstate and downtown. Expect delays.

ACCOMMODATIONS: For those planning to stay over on Saturday night, there are many fine motels at varying rates available in the immediate area. A list is available on request.

PLEASE RSVP. We would like to know for planning purposes how many will attend. Please contact Bill or Nina any time by any of the three methods below.

CONTACT US: Bill and Nina Dvorak, 3358 Ridgeway Avenue , Madison WI 53704-4327. Telephone: (608)244-5497 (if not at home, leave a message on the answering machine). E-mail: dxerak@aol.com (please put ìDX Get-togetherî in the subject line).

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE GTG: The Madison-Milwaukee area DXers have held this event on the third Saturday in August in every year since 1994. The purpose from the beginning has been to promote camaraderie among all DXers and radio hobbyistsóimaking new friends and renewing old friendships.î This is an all-band event, and brings together a diverse group of hobbyists who have one thing in common-- a love of radio. After being held in Madison for its first ten years, the practice of alternating sites between Madison and Milwaukee began in 2004. The last two years it has been in Milwaukee , so we are overdue for a Madison GTG. In fact, this is the first time Nina and Bill have hosted since 2007, and we are very much looking forward to doing so this year. Over the past 18 years those associated with the Madison-Milwaukee have dedicated themselves to making this event one of the biggest and best of its kind for DXers We hope that you can come, and look forward to seeing you here on August 18. 73, (Bill & Nina, NASWA Flashsheet July 1 via DXLD)

READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP DATES

Three more dates have been booked for the Reading International Radio Group meetings. These are August 18, October 6 and December 15. Meetings will be in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading RG1 4PS, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
(Mike Barraclough, wdxc yg via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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QH2 NEAR LUBEC, MAINE

As the temp peaks at 102 F today here in the nation's capital it makes one think of someplace cooler ... like Maine! My wife and I visited Quoddy House, near Lubec, Maine last week for a quick '2-boys-graduated' vacation and I took advantage to put up an antenna or two and collect some Perseus wav files.

I'm working my way through them and putting results up here:
<http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_QH2.php>

Highlights were hearing Argentina and Brazil for the first time!
Was at the same place last November:
<http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_QH.php>

Highlight of that trip was hearing Alaska! and a bunch of European, Middle East and Central Asian stations I could never hear at home.

I'd like to thank Rocco Cotroneo, Sylvain Naud and Henrik Klemetz for ID help on several Latin loggings and to Mauno Ritola, Vlad Titarev and Dave Kenny for a few European mysteries. Have a great summer all!
(Bill Whitacre, Alexandria, VA, IRCA via DXLD)

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NATIONAL RADIO CENTRE OPENS AT BLETCHLEY PARK - Bapco Journal

The formal opening of the Radio Society of Great Britainís National Radio Centre (NRC) takes place on 11th July. Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport will perform the official opening.

The Centre is a world-class showcase for radio communications technology - the technology powering the 21st century economy. The Centre provides the opportunity to get ìup close and personalî with the history and technology of radio communications.

Looks like a good justification to a UK trip to me!

http://www.bapcojournal.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/2221/
National_Radio_Centre_opens_at_Bletchley_Park.html
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, July 3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BELGIUM; CHILE; ETHIOPIA; INDIA; NEW
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UNIDENTIFIED 15175; RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC
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ALL-DIGITAL AM TESTS ON THE TABLE
by Leslie Stimson on 06.28.2012
http://www.radioworld.com/article/all-digital-am-tests-on-the-table/214148

Members of the NAB Radio Engineering Committee are pondering testing iBiquity Digitalís all-digital AM system.

The idea is one of several that has been bandied about, I hear, as part of the overarching goal of helping medium- and small-market AMs without a powerful signal to remain economically viable.

Beasley has committed to finding a station to test on and at least two other broadcast groups have as well, Beasleyísvice president of Engineering, CTOMike Cooney tells me.

The key is finding an underperforming station and turning off the analog temporarily in order to test the all-digital system, both day and night.

Years ago, I remember iBiquity conducted tests of its AM all-digital technology and anecdotally reported an increase in coverage. But that was with the HD gear of several generations ago. It would be interesting to see all-digital AM performance with the HD Radio gear of today.

IBiquity has also said for years that the interference issues inherent with the AM band could potentially be improved with an all-digital system.

Other potential upsides? With all-digital ìyour bandwidth goes from 30 kHz back town to 20 kHz,î said Cooney, who adds an all-digital AM system also requires less transmission power.

Granted, some AMs may need equipment upgrades to make an all-digital chain work, however, knowing what youíd need would help you plan, I think.

Beasley is especially interested in results, having previously turned off the digital on several of its AMs due to interference concerns, weíve reported.

The idea of the testing is to get some real-world data over a sustained period of time and quantify the results. ìWe would do before-and-after signal measurements to compare analog and digital coverage differences,î he tells me. Testing would also determine whether an all-digital signal caused any first-adjacent interference, or improved existing interference.

Drive tests would be conducted in rural and city areas in several markets. Committee members still need to identify test stations.

The idea of testing the all-digital system is intriguing as struggling AM owners try different things to keep their stations relevant as consumers increasingly turn their attention to FM and online options. While big-market AM powerhouses remain profitable, the economic picture is not so rosy for other AMs, some of which have increasingly turned to rebroadcasting their signal on FM translators.

Do you have an opinion on this? Comment below or write me at: lstimson @ nbmedia.com (Radio World via Allan Dunn, NRC-AM via DXLD)

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AM STEREO, CAM-D INVENTOR LEONARD KAHN PASSES
By Carl Marcucci on Jun, 28 2012 with Comment 1
http://rbr.com/am-stereo-cam-d-inventor-leonard-kahn-passes/

Kahn Communications CEO Leonard R. Kahn (AM Stereo and CAM-D AM digital system inventor) passed away 6/3/12 in Florida from natural causes at 86 years old.

Kahnís Kahn-Hazeltine AM Stereo design was an independent sideband system that used independently modulated upper and lower sidebands.

One of the best known stations to use the Kahn system was WLS-AM Chicago. His system remained competitive with Motorolaís C-QUAM system into the late 1980s. Kahn filed a lawsuit claiming the Motorola system didnít meet FCC emission bandwidth specifications, but by that time, C-QUAM had already been declared as the single standard for AM stereo in the US.

Kahnís AM stereo design was later revamped for mono use and used in the Power-Side system, in which a decreased signal in one sideband is used to improve coverage and loudness. Power-Side became the basis for

CAM-D, Compatible AM Digital, a digital system that is still used on several AM stations.

Kahn worked for RCA Labs for many years and turned out numerous patents. He is considered one of the five ìfathers of the wireless industry.î

Click here for a lengthy list of his patents

In 1997 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled that Kahn had title to US patent #4,018,994 in a suit. He sued General Motors and won for infringement of that patent for its use of AM stereo in car radios.

Kahn also filed a lawsuit in federal court in New York in 2006 alleging that iBiquity Digital, Lucent and Clear Channel violated antitrust laws with the implementation of the iBiquity AM HD Radio (IBOC) system. Kahn said in the complaint that they had formed a broadcast cartel seeking to block others from buying his CAM-D system. That suit was not heard by the Supreme Court on appeal.

In 2009, Kahn filed a complaint with the Southern District of NY Court (Civil Action 08-CV-11368), charging major investment banks and The City of New York and Mayor Bloomberg, personally. He named Oppenheimer & Co. specifically for falsely swearing that he was ìsenileî because he issued three $10,000 checks and two of them bounced. Kahn says the checks shouldnít have bounced because he had documents (attached in the suit) that proved that he had over $350K in just one account. In the case, Kahn also sued Wachovia, SunTrust and TD Ameritrade for allegedly ìconvertingî his fortune (he told RBR that in 2008 he claimed $16 million in assets).

Kahnís suit also asked for emergency relief to hold the NYC Dept. of Social Services from extending their ìchaseî to his Long Island lab (Kahn Communications) which halted his work on a solution for Homeland Security ó the ìiSAFEî system. iSAFE would the CAM-D system to alert citizens in an emergency. A small receiver chip would be incorporated into cell phones, Blackberrys, iPhones, iPods, laptops, etc. that would warn of an emergency to citizens that might otherwise be unable to get to a TV or radio ó or might not even hear what is going on because theyíre ìisolatedî by headphones, etc. The goal is to bring emergency alerts when the cell phone networks are overloaded and the Internet may be too congested to work (also from a potential cyber-attack). Kahn said CAM-D is robust enough to penetrate buildings, parking garages, etc.

We believe that case was dismissed before going to trial. Leonardís wife Ruth preceded him in death and the couple had no children.

Later in life, Kahn published a book: Pro Se, A Fool For a Client
He also had a website, http://www.wrathofkahn.org
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Website now gone; try wayback? As you may gather he was rather litigious, paranoid? Probably justifiably (gh)

We've lost a brilliant (albeit verbose and spirited) member of the radio industry.

I liked Kahn's AM stereo system - it should have been allowed to coexist with C-QuAM - many stations even came out to say they'd go Kahn ISB or nothing. And though I've never heard CAM-D in operation, it supposedly put out far less digital hash than iBOC, and allowed analog AM stereo to be used simultaneously.

The broadcast industry is forcing people to rely too much on elitist "pay-for" services (net-based listening/viewing, satellite radio, TV), while at the same time not providing wide-coverage, low-frequency-based 'enriched' audio services (like a robust system such as CAM-D). Today we have a no-frills mono AM landscape (marred further by a failed digital system), and an FM band that is essentially going the way AM did in the early 1990s.

I'm not saying Kahn would have turned things around himself had he been given the chance with Cam-D and simultaneous use of Kahn with C-QuAM, but he put his money where his mouth was, and stuck up for what he designed.

Now all we can do is reminisce when listening to Casey Kasem American Top-40 reruns on the weekend (or off the AT-40 Web Archives) when he reads off a long list of AM stations mentioning Stereo (you knew THOSE were music stations, some with Kahn's technology). (Darwin Long, Buras, LA, ABDX via DXLD)

There is no limitation to the fidelity of AM radio. From a mathematical standpoint, AM does better in frequency response than FM. - Leonard Kahn (perpetual tagline of Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ WLTQ, ABDX via DXLD)

Kahn had plenty of critics; some called him "the man who single-handedly killed AM MusicRadio, due to all his litigation over AM Stereo standards and the uncertainty it caused for a medium that was in decline in the 1980's.

The Kahn AM system was a good choice for skywave propagation, as it didn't suffer from the "platform motion" effect that plagued the other

three systems. However for groundwave reception there really wasn't any discernible difference that I could tell. No one with good ears would mistake AM Stereo for the FM variety, but it did provide a surprisingly full, spacious, and vibrant quality to music on AM.

The Kahn system was actually going to be used on shortwave at one time: Remember NDXE, a proposed station in Opelika, Alabama in the mid 1980's? That operation had planned to use the Kahn system to transmit stereo shortwave over four 500kw transmitters. The station was never built; one of the more interesting bits of SW history. And as far as I know, there were never any stereo SW receivers on the market, unless someone modified a medium wave unit for SW reception (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

POLYTONE MODULATION

Glenn: a friend of mine in Memphis, TN who is an Engineer for WKNO TV & Radio, Pat Lane, W4OGG says what it might be:

``The polytone signal is probably a mode called MFSK-16 or MFSK-32. It is a multi-frequency digital mode. You can get a free download of FL-DIGI from the internet and copy most of those modes with the program. It also could be OLIVIA which sounds somewhat similar. 73, Pat`` (via Roger Nash, W5RDN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See 12-26, PSK-31

NEW SHORTWAVE INTERFERENCE EVERY 8 KHZ

Glenn, In recent weeks it has become apparent (in Ireland and UK at least) that an ominous widespread source of interference has popped up on lower HF frequencies, between about 6 MHz and 9.5 MHz in the form of random transmissions of a short digital burst lasting about 1/2 second and sounding like DRM but spaced at about 8-kHz intervals across most of the spread. Transmissions can be of a single pulse or a train of 8 lasting 5 seconds at a time, with a following burst a second later at times. Intervals between transmissions vary, from a minute to over 10 minutes when a frequency is active. Most activity is in the 6.6 MHz to 7.9 MHz region and reception is best during daytime when the bands are quietest, suggesting that the source is not too far away.

I first noticed the digital bursts when monitoring 7020 kHz for the 5th harmonic of medium wave France Info 1404 kHz over a month ago. Despite e-mail to them, their spurious transmission is still radiating (June 30).

At times I noticed noise bursts too; initially thought it was static (lightening discharge) but it was too harsh. Frequency was about 7018 kHz. Soon I heard the same noise bursts on 7408 kHz just beside

Hrvatska Radio and soon had logged more than a hundred (!) across the lower HF frequencies and noticed the 8 kHz spacing. To hear them you need patience, sitting on a frequency for 10 to 20 minutes to see if it is active, but the loud digital burst will confirm it, and especially the 8 burst train.

It would be interesting to hear if the signals propagate to the U.S. In the 49m band I hear 6105 and 6130 kHz digital bursts regularly; 7408 kHz may get through. Also heard them on 9330 kHz and 9474 kHz adjacent to R Australia!

This is a large organization sending these brief digital bursts across so many frequencies and as far as I can ascertain only started in recent months, but stepping on BC/Ham/Aero/Marine and other allocated bands is ominous to say the least. My guess is that it is a military HF back-up communications network using some kind of frequency-hopping to avoid detection/jamming. Hard to jam 300-400 frequencies across a 3 MHz spread, I guess. Due to reception in daytime on the frequencies, it must be European in origin, but it would need a lot of work to DF it.

Anyway, I will keep you posted on developments. I am intrigued since the wideband slow pulse transmissions that I had been hearing across 6 to over 25 MHz in 3 broad bands for the past few years mysteriously ceased last March 16 for good. Never got to the bottom of it. Could it have been from geo-stationary satellite origin? Perhaps another back-up communications system. Could explain how 20 MHz+ signals could propagate at night; there was a few dB variation in level at times.

Goodness knows what the military get up to at times; blasting gigawatts up into the ionosphere in recent years, one time intending to circle the earth with copper needles (Vietnam war era to try for 24 hour HF coverage back to the US). Regards, (DES WALSH, Ireland, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another version:

UNEXPLAINED PULSING NOISES ON SHORTWAVE

The wideband slow-pulse interference that I have commented on a few times and tried to hunt down has finally disappeared from the bands since mid-March. Thinking of how it was on the higher frequencies over 20 MHz even at night makes me suspect it could have been transmitted from a geo-stationary satellite as a means of last resort communications if land based systems were put out of action (fibre optic cables, microwave links, Internet, etc.).

One correspondent mentioned to me that he had used three receivers and a multi-channel oscilloscope to display the demodulated pulses and had noted some form of modulation similar to pulse position modulation

within the signals. Perhaps the use of very wideband transmission (3 to 8 MHz) could overcome jamming. Itís a possibility, but impossible to prove now. At least weak signal reception on shortwave is possible again. Even reliable BBC 21470 was badly affected as well as 7 MHz Amateur / Broadcast.

However strange transmitted noise continue on shortwave and I have begun to notice more and more of them. For instance, I listen a lot in daytime to WWCR 12160 to the chat programmes and for a long time noticed various interference to the frequency. One annoying one has been a series of slow pulses (again !!) at about 8 per second lasting 3 to 5 seconds, with three or four bursts regularly. Eventually I tuned around and regularly note several streams of these pulses across about 12120 to 12200, and some had a weaker train of pulses immediately answering back!

Now these pulse trains can be heard on other parts of shortwave too, with similar weaker replies on many of the frequencies. The transmissions around the WWCR area seem to step up and down in about 5 kHz steps regularly. These pulses produce high level of audio unlike to hitherto very wideband ones that have now ceased. Another mystery bunch of signals. They occupy about 20 kHz bandwidth at a time.

Yet again I have to report other strange interfering signals across amateur and broadcast frequencies. At first due to thundery conditions I thought they were bursts of lightning static but the pattern was too regular. Usually I hear 3 or 4 short bursts of noise but on an irregular basis, there could be anything from a couple of minutes to 30 minutes or more before a recurrence.

I have been listening to a weak AM broadcaster in French on 7020 daytime recently and noted a couple of intermittent noise bursts, usually 3 or 4 about a half second apart, and the same noise up on 28385 in the 10 metre Amateur band when listening for illegal CBers. Once again I cannot figure out what these noise bursts (digital ?) or the previously mentioned train of slow pulses are.

This weak AM station on 7020 transmitting in French was in the CW end of the 40 metre Amateur Band and had CW signals chopping it up. Thus identification was next to impossible but a few days ago I finally twigged that it was the 5th harmonic of 1404 France Info from Brest. 1404 can of course be heard in daylight here on a good car radio.

Also heard at times was noise bursts on the 7020 signal, but there being a lot of static around I did not immediately take much notice. Later I noted the noise bursts were harsher (like DRM) than static and were a deliberate transmission, and appearing regularly. Peak was about 7018.

In the past few weeks I have noticed many frequencies with these digital noise bursts , which last about half a second and come mainly as single burst, or as an eight burst train over about 5 seconds. Sometimes a transmission is followed by a single burst after a few seconds. The range of frequencies I have heard them on is as follows ; 7300, 7018, 6130, 6940, 7408, 6950, 6797, 6980, 6775, 6205, 700 [sic], 9330 and suspected 9475, 21470. What the purpose and origin of these short digital noise bursts is not known to me and I wonder if any other listeners are hearing them. Lots of them are adjacent to well used frequencies so the originator is not trying a lot to hide them !

Of course there are many other strange noise across shortwave and I note particularly the huge increase of digital STING [STANAG?] transmissions. They sound like rough diesel engine to me, quite distinctive. Some appear in the 7 MHz amateur band at times as well as in the BC bands. Lowest one I hear is on 2117, all the time even in daylight hours. Must be close to me, 100/200 miles?

Another strange signal I am hearing is on a longwave channel a few kHz from the German station on 207, equal in strength on 207 and 210 (3 kHz tuning steps). It consists of a digital burst of tones about a second apart. Could it be from electronics in the car (Micra diesel)? Another longwave mystery appeared on Thursday 31st. Trying to hear Radio Jurnal, Czech Republic on 270 in the afternoon around 1400 I noticed a series of rising and falling tones about 10 seconds long a number of times for about 30 minutes, as if the audio response of a transmitter was being tested. Signals very weak, not Radio Jurnal as I could hear it at the same time. Will keep monitoring (Des Walsh, Ireland, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

The pulses we hear around WWCR 12160 are obviously CODAR, but apparently Des hears something else? (gh, DXLD)

30 INCH (76 CM) LOOPSTICK SONY ICF-2010 MODEL

Hello All, For those interested in antenna experimentation, a demonstration video of a Sony ICF-2010 SSB receiver with a 30 inch transplanted loopstick has been uploaded to YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLrukpoL7vM

Designed to operate as an SSB spotting receiver for Ultralight radio transoceanic DXing on ocean beaches, the modified ICF-2010 has a 30" loopstick composed of four Amidon 7.5" type 61 ferrite rods, with the coil inductances matching those of the stock MW loopstick. The coil leads from the new loopstick are transplanted in place of the stock coils, duplicating the original circuitry. The long loopstick is mounted on an orange plastic frame taken from a 48" carpenter's level,

which is glued to the top of the ICF-2010 cabinet.

In the video demonstration a daytime DX fringe station (750-KXL in Portland, OR, 50 kW at 160 miles) is first received weakly on a barefoot ICF-2010 model around local noon, at a 2 LED signal level. The same Portland fringe station is then received strongly on the 30-inch loopstick ICF-2010, at a 7 LED signal level. Although this 30" loopstick was designed to greatly boost the ICF-2010's medium wave reception, further experimentation is already under way to develop Longwave-optimized loopsticks for the ICF-2010 (both internal and external), leading to SSB spotting receivers for Ultralight LWBC and NDB-DXing. Of course, for those not interested in Ultralight DXing, these modified portables can provide a lot of DXing excitement in their own right.

For those who can concentrate on the loopstick's DXing performance (and ignore the goofy-looking antenna fanatic giving the narrative :-), the video may be interesting. 73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), NRC-AM via DXLD)

JAGUAR

Hi Guy, Care to share the name of this alternative software with the rest of the class? Inquiring Perseus users want to know :-) Thanks! (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, IRCA via DXLD)

Tim, Jaguar is a software program which is only in a very early stage of development. A few people have been chosen as Alpha testers (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.)

I'm sorry that I missed seeing your initial question. Jaguar is very stable and much further along than Walt's response indicates. It is "by" and "for" MW DXers only, and has some excellent features found in no other SDR software. The program only tunes the medium wave frequencies and takes a totally different approach to the GUI (interface) than other SDR packages.

Jaguar is not intended to become freeware or a commercial product but is a private project of a small group of Finnish DXers. It's possible it will be released to others one day, but maybe not, as the developers don't want the support headaches and time commitment that accompany a released product. The program is currently software-locked to the users' computers. Best DX, (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, ibid.)

ALGUNAS CONSIDERACIONES SOBRE PROGRAMAS PARA GRABAR AUDIO STREAMING DESDE LA COMPUTADORA

Para ello, hay que instalar alg˙n programa de grabaciÛn del sonido que

sale de los parlantes de la computadora, directo, sin mediar el micrÛfono del PC.

Por mucho tiempo usÈ el Total Recorder, pero la versiÛn antigua que tenÌa instalada, recientemente empezÛ a dar problemas con el navegador, pues Total Recorder (que es de pago) instala un driver aparte que originalmente (y -seguramente- en las versiones actualizadas) no interfiere con el funcionamiento de audio de la PC.

Por ejemplo, en mi caso, tengo una tarjeta de sonido que ya viene con la PC (Realtek) y tiene su programa de funcionamiento (driver) instalado. Pero no la uso, pues es onboard (ya viene junta al motherboard o tarjeta madre).

Cuando comprÈ esta PC que estoy usando, le instalÈ la tarjeta de sonido SoundBlaster que ya tenÌa de antes. Esta instala su propio driver. En su momento era una alternativa superior, el de tener una tarjeta de sonido aparte, pues la onboard que tenÌa, grababa "sucio", por interferencias propias de estar en una tarjeta todo junto. La Soundblaster, me brindaba m·s calidad.

Como esa antigua versiÛn de Total Recorder feneciÛ, me recomendaron hace poco, como alternativa gratuita, un programa que se llama Butt. Con el, pequeÒo pero un poquitÌn menos pretencioso, puedo grabar audio streaming, teniendo a preacuciÛn de que la entrada de audio elegida en las opciones de audio, no sea micrÛfono, sino "Lo que se oye". Adem·s de que puede trasmitir audio a una direcciÛn de servidor que se configure (no es mi caso).

Buscar versiones craqueadas de Total Recorder no lo aconsejo, pues todas vienen con alg˙n troyano o virus. Por lo tanto podrÌa ser buena cosa comprarlo, aunque sea su versiÛn standard, por $17.95 (U.S.). Se puede acceder a las versiones Professional Edition o VideoPro Edition agregando $18.00 or $36.00 (U.S.) respectivamente. Esa es mi experiencia. 73 (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, July 2, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Para los usuarios de Windows, lo que recomiendo es un software que si bien fue dejado de desarrollar por su programador hace un buen tiempo; cumple esa funciÛn y otras m·s a total satisfacciÛn. Sobre todo, el hecho de grabar directamente en mp3.

Es adem·s freeware, lo cual viene bien para salir un poco de la cultura del crackeo y los riesgos que entraÒa, tan arraigada en los usuarios de ese sistema operativo.

El programa en cuestiÛn se llama Messer y puede encontrarse en http://www.mpex.net/software/details/messer.html

Es intuitivo de configurar, no es intrusivo ni deja basura en el registro. Hace aÒos que lo uso a total satisfacciÛn en la ˙nica computadora que me resta con el sistema operativo de Redmond (grabo directamente con el audio de mi equipo para adjuntar a los videos de Youtube).

Para grabar streamings de audio desde internet habrÌa que indicar como entrada de audio estandar la "Mezcla Estereo" o denominaciones similares. 73 de CX2ABP (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, ibid.)

HALF A RADIO NO SOLUTION

> Of course, we all know there are no more AM DX'ers out there. The
> HD Radio Cartel has assured us of this, and that AM doesn't matter
> because it is "Ancient Modulation".

It isn't enjoyable to DX the AM band anymore (at least for me) because the content is not originating from the station itself - it's largely prepackaged and syndicated, so you don't get the clues of the station you're DXing (by way of commercials for local businesses, local weather, news, or traffic, call letters after every song, differing formats, etc). - you just get 1-800 numbers, national commercials, and dot-com addresses (where there used to be local content), and the format sounds the same when heard through noise - talk with calls taken from cellphones from every state during the talkshow, rather than calls being taken from the local area around the station.

Noise was present even back in the glory days of the 70's and 80s (back in the day, it was CRT television sets, incandescent lamp dimmers, wideband non-NRSC compliant pre-emphasis curves and still... noisy power lines; it's just now worse because of iBOC, switching power supplies that are coupled directly to the power lines (buzz-saw interference across the band for blocks), and noisy or deaf receivers. Then there's radio manufacturers that only give you "half a radio" by eliminating the AM altogether - like iPods and phones (Darwin Long, Buras, LA, ABDX via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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Petr Kolman, OK1MGW: Geomagnetic activity forecast June 29 -

Solar activity forecast for the period June 29 - July 5, 2012
Activity level: mostly low
Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 95-135 f.u.
Flares: class C (0-12/day), class M (0-2/period) , class X (0/period), proton (0/period)

Relative sunspot number: in the range 30-110

Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept., Ondrejov, Czech Republic
e-mail: sunwatch(at) asu.cas.cz
(RWC Prague)

Geomagnetic field will be:
Mostly quiet on July 10 - 12
Quiet to unsettled on June 29, July 4 - 7
Quiet to active on June 30, July 8 - 9
Active on July 1 - 3

High probability of changes in solar wind which may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected on June 30, July 1 - 3, 8 - 9

Petr Kolman, OK1MGW. Czech Propagation Interest Group (OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978) e-mail: kolmanp(at)razdva. cz (via Dario Monferini, June 29, playdx yg via DXLD)

Petr Kolman : Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period July 1 -

P.I.G. BULLETIN 120701

Solar forecast for next week

Solar activity will be low to moderate, solar radio flux is expected 95 - 135 f.u. Flare activity will be low to moderate.

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period July 1 - 15
Geomagnetic field will be:
Mostly quiet on July 10 - 12
Quiet to unsettled on July 4 - 7
Quiet to active on July 8 - 9
Unsettled to active on July 1 - 3, 13 - 15

High probability of changes in solar wind which may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected on July 1 - 3, 8 - 9

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EUROPE USES UP ALL THE SPORADIC E

That's it! That's it, I'm moving to Europe. All joking aside, have you guys checked the Sherlock maps for Europe these last few days? I know

we've debated why we get less skip than over there but now it's getting ridiculous. I want a refund! 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, 1 July, WTFDA via DXLD)

This is the way it's been this year and the prior two. Europe has massive openings all the way up to 144 MHz or more, and we get absolutely nothing. The skip must be wearing itself out over there (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, 15 mi NW of Philadelphia, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

AVERAGE SUNSPOT COUNT FOR JUNE

The average sunspot count for June was just 64.5. It's safe to say that we are now on the back side of this cycle, and if so then this is the first time since the cycle of 1880-1888 that the monthly average did not exceed 100. According to my calculations, the next two cycles should be just as low and the next one after those will be significantly lower, during which there will be a phase reversal. (Chris Trask, N7ZWY / WDX3HLB
http://www.home.earthlink.net/~christrask/
swl at mailman.qth.net via DXLD)

We are probably not on the "back side" of this cycle yet, which is expected to start sometime mid 2013; stay tuned:
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/weekly/sunspot.gif
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/weekly/Predict.txt
(Marty KT4K, ibid.)

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to active levels, with isolated minor to major storm levels observed at high latitudes late in the period. The geomagnetic field was at mostly quiet levels from 25-29 June. By 2100Z on 29 June, the phi angle at the ACE spacecraft switched from positive to negative polarity, indicating the arrival of the corotating interaction region. Solar wind speed at the ACE spacecraft, which had ranged between 350-500 km/s during the week, increased to 700 km/s by 30/1800Z as a coronal hole high speed stream (CH-HSS) became geoeffective. Concurrently, the Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field turned southward, eventually dipping to -10 to -12 nT while Bt reached 14nT before decreasing to 7 nT by mid-day on 30 June. The geomagnetic field responded with unsettled to active levels for the remainder of the period. Minor to major storm levels were observed at high latitudes during 30 June-01 July.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 02 JULY - 28 JULY 2012

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels, with more M-class events from Regions 1513 and 1515 likely through 09 - 10 July. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at

high levels through 08 July and from 17-21 July.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to begin at unsettled to active levels, decreasing to mostly quiet to unsettled levels after 03 July until another CH-HSS becomes geoeffective on 27 - 28 July.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2012 Jul 02	135	15	4
2012 Jul 03	140	15	4
2012 Jul 04	140	8	3
2012 Jul 05	140	7	2
2012 Jul 06	135	5	2
2012 Jul 07	135	5	2
2012 Jul 08	130	8	3
2012 Jul 09	135	8	3
2012 Jul 10	140	5	2
2012 Jul 11	145	5	2
2012 Jul 12	140	5	2
2012 Jul 13	130	5	2
2012 Jul 14	125	5	2
2012 Jul 15	115	5	2
2012 Jul 16	110	5	2
2012 Jul 17	105	5	2
2012 Jul 18	100	5	2
2012 Jul 19	90	5	2
2012 Jul 20	85	5	2
2012 Jul 21	85	5	2
2012 Jul 22	90	5	2
2012 Jul 23	100	5	2
2012 Jul 24	105	5	2
2012 Jul 25	115	5	2
2012 Jul 26	115	5	2
2012 Jul 27	120	20	4
2012 Jul 28	130	20	4

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1624, DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING

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[Re 12-26] FYI - Titles of Nobility

Tips for Rational Living in DX Listening Digest 12-26. June 27, 2012 mentioned titles of nobility. Here is what the US Constitution says about titles of nobility.
http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/articlei/

Article I - section 9 & 10 of US Constitution

...No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States: and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

Section 10.

No state shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility... (via Mike Perraho, DXLD)

Of course, former elected positions are not really ``titles of nobility``, however inappropriate it may be to keep them for life (gh, DXLD) ###